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OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

CITY OF BOSTON.

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In School Committee, Jan. 10, 1887.

The meeting for the organization of the Board of School Committee of the City of Boston, for this municipal year, was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, on Monday, January 10, 1887, being the second Monday in said month, at seven and one-half o'clock P.M.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Fallon and Walsh.

The Board was called to order by Mr. William C. Williamson, the senior member.

At the request of the Chair prayer was offered by Rev. Raphael Lasker. Prayer.

The following members of the Board of last year continue in office, having unexpired terms: Messrs. Blake, Canning, Dacey, Darling, Dunn, Eliot, Elliott, Fallon, Hall, Hyde, Lasker, Porter, Roeth, Walker, and Williamson. Members with unexpired terms.

The Chair read the following: — Communication from City Clerk.

City Clerk's Office, Dec. 27, 1886.

Phineas Bates, Esq., *Secretary of the School Committee:* —

Dear Sir, — I have the honor to inform you that, at the municipal election held December 14th inst.; the following-named persons were chosen members of the School Committee of this city: —

For three years. — Charles T. Gallagher, James S. Murphy, James A. McDonald, Gerald Griffin, John C. Crowley, Richard J. Walsh, William H. Grainger, Nahum Chapin.

For one year. — George R. Swasey.

Very respectfully,

AUG. N. SAMPSON,

City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Porter, Elliott, and Crowley a committee to collect the certificates of mem- Credentials of members-elect.

bers-elect. The committee, having attended to that duty, reported that credentials had been received from the newly elected members: Charles T. Gallagher, James S. Murphy, James A. McDonald, Gerald Griffin, John C. Crowley, William H. Grainger, Nahum Chapin, for three years; George R. Swasey, for one year.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the credentials placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, it was

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the Public Schools of last year, which involve the expenditure of money, be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Murphy offered the following: —

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the Public Schools of last year, which do not involve the expenditure of money, be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Murphy moved to amend Section 5 of the Rules by striking out the following words at the end of the section: "The President shall not be chairman of any committee."

Mr. Crowley moved, as a substitute for Mr. Murphy's motion, that Section 5 of the Rules be amended by inserting before the word "committee," in the last line, the word "standing."

Mr. Crowley's motion to substitute passed.

Mr. Crowley's amendment passed.

The order passed.

Election of President.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the Board proceeded to ballot for a President.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Porter, Lasker, and Darling a committee to receive, sort, and count the ballots.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice, 12. William C. Williamson had 1 vote. Timothy J. Dacey had 21 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Timothy J. Dacey elected President.

Mr. Porter and Mr. Darling were appointed a committee to conduct the President to the chair.

The President in the chair.

The Board proceeded to the election of a Secretary, and Messrs. Murphy, Swasey, and Hall were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice, 11. Phineas Bates had 21 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Election of Secretary.

The Secretary of the Board was qualified as Secretary of the Corporation, Mr. Williamson administering the oath of office.

Secretary qualified.

The Board proceeded to the election of an Auditing Clerk, and Messrs. Canning, Chapin, and Griffin were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice, 11. There was one blank. William J. Porter had 21 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Election of Auditing Clerk.

The Board proceeded to the election of a Messenger, and Messrs. Gallagher, Dunn, and Porter were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice, 11. There was one blank. F. J. Maguire had 1 vote; John Wogan had 1 vote; J. T. Wogan had 3 votes; and Alvah H. Peters had 16 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Election of Messenger.

The Board proceeded to the election of a Treasurer of the Corporation. Mr. Williamson nominated Nahum

Election of Treasurer of Corporation.

Chapin. The Chair appointed Messrs. Williamson, Grainger, and Blake a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 20; necessary for a choice, 11. James S. Murphy had 2 votes; John C. Crowley had 5 votes; and Nahum Chapin had 13 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Mr. Griffin offered the following: —

Adjournment.

Ordered, That when the Board adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, Jan. 13, at five o'clock P.M., and that no meeting be held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 11.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Petition for enlargement of Savin-Hill Primary School-house.

The Chair presented a petition signed by James H. Stark, and twenty-five others, residents and tax-payers of Savin Hill and its vicinity, requesting the Board to add two rooms to the Savin-Hill Primary school-house; the addition to be used for Grammar-School pupils. The petitioners represent that there are many children in that section that will be obliged to walk four miles daily to attend the nearest school unless the petition be granted.

The petition was referred to the Committee on Ninth Division, when appointed.

Resolution of School-masters' Club; Tenure of office of teachers.

The Chair presented the following: —

GARDNER STREET,
ALLSTON, MASS., December 31, 1886.

To the Honorable School Committee: —

I am directed by the School-masters' Club, of Boston and vicinity, to transmit to you a copy of the resolution passed by that Club, at their meeting, Saturday, December 11, current.

Respectfully yours,

AUG. D. SMALL,
Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, to encourage teachers the more thoroughly to qualify themselves for their profession, and to make teaching a life-work, a more permanent tenure of office is necessary, and

Whereas, the Legislature by a recent enactment has recognized a principle of civil service in contracting with teachers, —

Resolved, That we condemn the practice of annual elections, tending as it does to discourage professional training, to degrade the calling of the teacher, to deplete the ranks of the profession of much of its best talent, and acting as a positive bar to the advancement of the school system of the Commonwealth.

We most earnestly urge the School Committees of the State to avail themselves of the privilege granted them by the new law, whereby they are empowered to do away with the unwise practice of recurring elections, and to contract with their teachers, as with other persons, during faithful and efficient service.

A true copy.

AUG. D. SMALL,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations when appointed.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

Ordered, That the unfinished business of last year, referred to this Board, be referred to the appropriate committees when appointed.

Unfinished business of last year referred.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, it was

Ordered, That 1,200 additional copies of the Annual Report of the Board of Supervisors [Sch. Doc. No. 18, 1886] be printed.

Additional copies of Annual Report of the Board of Supervisors.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

Ordered, That a special committee of three, to be known as the Committee on Legislative matters, be appointed to take charge of all matters relating to the public schools of Boston that may come before the Legislature during the present year.

Legislative Committee appointed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Gallagher, Williamson, and Crowley as such committee.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Jan. 13, 1887.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at five o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members, except Messrs. Dunn, Eliot, Elliott, Grainger, Hall, Lasker, and Roeth.

The credentials of Mr. Richard J. Walsh were presented and placed on file.

The Chair appointed the following Standing Committees; also the Normal, High School, and Division Committees, viz.: —

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing Committees.

Accounts. — William C. Williamson, Chairman; Messrs. Porter, Darling, Canning, and Griffin.

Annual Report. — John W. Porter, Chairman; Messrs. Dunn and Swasey.

Drawing and Music. — William C. Williamson, Chairman; Messrs. Walker, Lasker, Hall, and McDonald.

Elections. — Edwin H. Darling, Chairman; Messrs. Porter and Roeth.

Evening Schools. — Charles T. Gallagher, Chairman; Messrs. Lasker, Williamson, Murphy, and Dacey.

Examinations. — John C. Crowley, Chairman; Messrs. Hyde, Fallon, Eliot. Vacancy.

Horace Mann School. — Samuel Eliot, Chairman; Messrs. Walker and McDonald.

Hygiene. — Russell D. Elliott, Chairman; Messrs. Crowley and Blake.

Manual Training Schools. — James S. Murphy, Chairman; Messrs. Blake and Walker.

Nominations. — John W. Porter, Chairman; Messrs. Dacey, Eliot, Dunn, and Grainger.

Rules and Regulations. — Charles T. Gallagher, Chairman; Messrs. Fallon, Murphy, Hall, and McDonald.

Salaries. — George B. Hyde, Chairman; Messrs. Hall, Griffin, Grainger, and Walsh.

School-houses. — Nahum Chapin, Chairman; Messrs. Darling, Lasker, Canning, and Walsh.

Sewing. — A. Gaston Roeth, Chairman; Messrs. Hall, Canning, Walsh, and Swasey.

Supplies. — Nahum Chapin, Chairman; Messrs. Dacey, Elliott, Murphy, and Crowley.

Text-Books. — John G. Blake, Chairman; Messrs. Crowley, Fallon, Walker, and Swasey.

Truant Officers. — Russell D. Elliott, Chairman; Messrs. Hyde, Roeth, Dunn, and Griffin.

NORMAL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND DIVISION COMMITTEES.

Normal, High School, and Division Committees.

Normal School. — Messrs. Hyde, Murphy, Williamson, Walker, and Dacey.

High Schools. — Messrs. Blake, Gallagher, Crowley, Eliot, and Walker.

First Division. — Messrs. Hall, Chapin, Dunn, Grainger, and McDonald.

Second Division. — Messrs. Chapin, Murphy, Darling, Griffin, and McDonald.

Third Division. — Messrs. Darling, Elliott, Dacey, Eliot, and Dunn.

Fourth Division. — Messrs. Crowley, Williamson, Walker, Roeth, and Swasey.

Fifth Division. — Messrs. Lasker, Hyde, Blake, Fallon, and Walsh.

Sixth Division. — Messrs. Fallon, Gallagher, Roeth, Porter, and Canning.

Seventh Division. — Messrs. Murphy, Crowley, Lasker, Williamson, and Griffin.

Eighth Division. — Messrs. Hyde, Elliott, and Grainger.

Ninth Division. — Messrs. Porter, Eliot, and Canning.

The appointments were approved.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

Annual Report of Board of Supervisors referred to appropriate committees.

Ordered, That the recommendations made by the Board of Supervisors in their annual report be referred as follows for consideration, and report: the recommendations on page 4 to the Committee on Hygiene; on page 11, to the Committee on Examinations; on pages 13 and 14, to the Committee on Rules and Regulations; on page 32, to the Committee on High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, January 25, 1887.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Canning, Crowley, Darling, Elliott, Grainger, Griffin, Hall, Lasker, Walker, and Williamson.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATION.

Adams District. — Ellen James, fourth assistant, Jan. 1, 1887. Resignation of a teacher.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Lyman District. — Helen J. Morris, from Dec. 1, 1886. Special assistant, Primary School.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Adams District. — Charles H. Wilson, second assistant, from Jan. 18, 1887. Temporary teachers.

Eliot District. — Genevieve C. Roach, third assistant, from Jan. 25, 1887.

George Putnam District. — Ida E. Bailey, first assistant, from Jan. 3, 1887.

Hyde District. — Etta Yerdon, fourth assistant, from Jan. 18, 1887.

Mt. Vernon District. — Inez Drake, fourth assistant, from Jan. 18, 1887.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Dwight District. — Eva L. Munroe, fourth assistant, from Jan. 3, 1887.

Sherwin District. — Frank M. McCutchins, third assistant, from Dec. 1, 1886.

Stoughton District. — Cornelia M. Collamore, fourth assistant, fifth year, from Jan. 3, 1887.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Latin School. — Thomas A. Mullen, junior-master.

English High School. — George W. Evans, William B. Snow, James E. Thomas, junior-masters.

Bennett District. — Lillian M. Towne, third assistant.

Bigelow District. — Angeline S. Morse, third assistant.

Gibson District. — Benjamin F. Brown, third assistant.

Hyde District. — E. Elizabeth Boies, second assistant.

Sherwin District. — Ester Fletcher, third assistant.

Winthrop District. — Margaret T. Wise, second assistant.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOL.

Election of a teacher of Evening School.

Franklin School. — Persis E. King, assistant, from Jan. 6, 1887.

Accepted.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the times specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board. Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Andrew District. — Estelle B. Jenkins, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1887; Caroline M. Walsh, substitute. Estelle B. Jenkins.

Chapman District. — Mary E. Buffum, third assistant, until April 1, 1887; Annie F. McMahon, substitute. Mary E. Buffum.

Comins District. — Penelope G. Hayes, third assistant, until Feb. 1, 1887; Margaret T. Dooley, substitute. Penelope G. Hayes.

Eliot District. — J. Ida Monroe, fourth assistant, until March 1, 1887; Florence E. Phillips, substitute. J. Ida Monroe.

Gaston District. — Annie Britt, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1887; S. Josephine Lavery, substitute. Annie Britt.

Lawrence District. — Egbert M. Chesley, submaster, until April 1, 1887; George S. Houghton, substitute. Egbert M. Chesley.

Lewis District. — Annie W. Seaverns, fourth assistant until April 1, 1887; Fannie E. Merriam, substitute. Annie W. Seaverns.

Lowell District. — Mary J. Capen, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1887; Clara I. Stevens, substitute. Mary J. Capen.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to change the seats in the Mather Primary school-house (Dorchester), so as to better accommodate the pupils. Rearrangement of seats in Mather Primary school-house, Dorchester.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

The Chair read the following: — Resignations and appoint-

ments on committees.

BOSTON, Jan. 25, 1887.

HON. T. J. DACEY, *President of School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, — I beg leave to tender my resignation as a member of the Committee on Drawing and Music.

Yours respectfully,

WM. C. WILLIAMSON.

Accepted.

The Chair appointed Mr. Gallagher, chairman of the Committee on Drawing and Music in place of Mr. Williamson, resigned. The Chair also appointed Mr. Walker, a member of the Committee on Examinations, to fill a vacancy.

The Chair read the following: —

BOSTON, Jan. 25, 1887.

To the President of the School Board: —

DEAR SIR, — I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Committee on Legislative Matters.

Respectfully,

CHARLES T. GALLAGHER.

Accepted.

The Chair presented the following: —

Petition of Boston Society of Natural History; science lectures to teachers.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston: —

GENTLEMEN, — The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Boston Society of Natural History, respectfully represent that this society has, since the year 1870, maintained a Teachers' School of Science, through which it has been constantly giving lessons to the teachers of the public schools on all subjects relating to the natural history of the earth and its natural productions, furnishing specimens where it was practicable; that during the past sixteen years more than four hundred thousand specimens belonging to the society have been thus studied and given away to aid teachers in their work, and to enhance their usefulness in the public schools; that, after some years of experience, the demand for more thorough instruction became apparent, when, in 1877, the society began to give courses of instruction to classes of limited numbers, ranging from twenty to fifty persons, which have been continued up to the present time, while the demand has been steadily increasing. These courses have generally been paid for by the teachers themselves; but it has been found quite undesirable to continue this charge, as it bears very heavily upon the teachers, shutting out some who have families dependent upon them, while the charge cannot be sufficient to pay for

the lessons, leaving the lecturers practically without any adequate compensation. The committee, therefore, respectfully ask the School Board to appropriate a reasonable sum to enable the society to continue these courses of instruction without expense to individual teachers.

CHARLES L. FLINT,
ALPHEUS HYATT,
HENRY W. HAYNES.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Chair presented the following: —

Communication from Masssachustets Society for University Education of Women endorsing Mrs. Ellen H. Richards as a candidate for supervisor.

BOSTON, January 24, 1887.

To the Honorable the School Committee of Boston: —

The undersigned, in behalf of the Massachusetts Society for the University Education of Women, desire to express their strong endorsement of Mrs. Ellen H. Richards as a candidate for the position of Supervisor of Schools.

As an educator she understands the needs of teachers and pupils alike; as a scientist she is thoroughly in sympathy with sound methods of science teaching; as an expert in sanitation and hygiene she is qualified to care for the physical well-being of the pupils; as a practical worker she has exceptional knowledge of the industrial interests of schools; and as a woman she possesses qualities of heart and mind whose influence would be of untold value in the administration of our schools.

MARION TALBOT,
President.
CHARLOTTE C. BARRELL,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Fumigation of school-houses.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Hygiene, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Health be requested to fumigate all the school-houses three times a year, during the summer, winter, and spring vacations.

Yard for Cross-street Primary school-house.

Mr. McDonald presented a petition signed by B. F. Stacey and twenty-three others, citizens of the Charlestown District, that the Cross-street Primary school-

house be furnished with a yard, or some other accommodation provided for the recreation of the children at recess.

Referred to the Committee on the Second Division.

Appropriations and expenditures.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., Jan. 25, 1887.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred to date, being ten months' payments of the present financial year.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1886–87.	February Draft.	Expenditures, 10 months, 1886–87.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors	$1,200,000 00	$104,380 07	$1,002,792 42	$197,207 58
Salaries, Officers	59,000 00	4,403 33	46,544 50	12,455 50
School Ex. Salaries, Janitors	225,000 00	7,653 93	74,184 56	44,819 02
School Ex. Fuel, Gas, Water		5,204 90	49,085 53	
School Ex. Supplies, and Miscellaneous Expenses		2,118 17	56,910 89	
Totals	$1,484,000 00	$123,760 40	$1,229,517 90	$254,482 10

The expenses, as compared with ten months of last year, are as follows: —

Salaries of Officers, decreased		$2,538 83
Supplies and Miscellaneous Expenses, decreased		19,250 51
		$21,789 34
Salaries of Instructors, increased	$17,906 58	
Salaries of Janitors, increased	2,768 58	
		20,675 16
A decrease of		$1,114 18

as compared with the corresponding time last year.

For the Committee on Accounts,

WM. C. WILLIAMSON,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

Mr. Roeth, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to provide additional heating-apparatus for the Prince school-house.

Additional heating-apparatus for the Prince school-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters petition the Legislature that the City of Boston be relieved from making any further return of military property loaned to it by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, from the Adjutant-General's Department.

Petition to Legislature for relief from return of military property loaned to the city by the State.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, reported, with regret, the death of Carrie G. White, late fourth assistant in the Dwight District.

Death of Carrie G. White.

Placed on file.

Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to provide additional steam-radiators for the Hyde school-house.

Additional steam-radiators for Hyde school-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to cause the heating and ventilating apparatus of the Joshua Bates school-house to be improved.

Improvement in heating and ventilating apparatus of Bates school-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase land, twenty-five or thirty feet front, on Hammond street, for the enlargement of the lot of the Hyde school-house.

Enlargement of lot of Hyde school-house.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Use of North Margin-street school-house granted to Henry G. Pickering and others.

Ordered, That the use of the North Margin-street school-house, on Tuesday evenings, be granted to Henry G. Pickering and others, for educational purposes, the same to be without expense to the city.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Feb. 8, 1887.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Crowley, Darling, Elliott, Gallagher, Hall, Roeth, Walker, and Walsh.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of Committee on Nominations.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Charlestown High School. — Minna B. Noyes, assistant, from Jan. 11, 1887. Temporary teachers.

Hyde District. — Etta Yerdon, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1887.

Lyman District. — Lena E. Synette, fourth assistant, from Feb. 1, 1887.

Sherwin District. — Rose E. Conaty, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1887.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Adams District. — Charles H. Wilson, second assistant, from Oct. 18, 1886; Emily H. Sanderson, fourth assistant, from Jan. 3, 1887. Election of teachers on probation.

Bennett District. — Sarah M. Taylor, third assistant, from Feb. 7, 1887.

Dor.-Everett District. — Mary H. Reid, fourth assistant, from Jan. 3, 1887.

Lewis District. — Ellen F. A. Hagerty, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1887.

Sherwin District. — Nellie F. Brazer, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1887.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Girls' High School. — Mary B. King, assistant.

Charles Sumner District. — Mary E. Roome, fourth assistant.

Harris District. — Annie B. Drowne, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

Bunker Hill District. — Emma F. Black, third assistant, to the same position in the Lewis District, to date from Feb. 1, 1887.

Emerson District. — Caroline E. Nutter, third assistant, to the position of fourth assistant, on probation, in the same district, to date from Feb. 1, 1887.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence for the times specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board. : —

Belle J. Dunham.

Dearborn District. — Belle J. Dunham, third assistant, until April 1, 1887; James Burrier, substitute.

Eliza Brown.

Dillaway District. — Eliza Brown, third assistant, until April 1, 1887; Elizabeth M. Blackburn, substitute.

Martin District. — Martha Palmer, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1887; Georgie F. Drake, substitute. Martha Palmer.

Hillside District. — E. Augusta Randall, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1887; Kate F. Hobart, substitute. E. Augusta Randall.

Hyde School. — Maria L. Young, sewing-teacher, until April 1, 1887; Margaret A. Kelley, substitute. Maria L. Young.

Mr. Blake offered the following: —

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Massachusettts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to distribute their humane leaflets to the pupils in the public schools. Distribution of leaflets of Mass. Soc. for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to pupils.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Board of Health; fumigation of school-houses. (See page 17.)

BOARD OF HEALTH, 32 PEMBERTON SQ.
BOSTON, Feb. 8, 1887.

To the Honorable School Committee: —

GENTLEMEN, — The communication of the School Committee, in which the Board of Health is requested to fumigate the school-houses of the city three times a year during the vacations, has been received, and the matter carefully considered. The Board of Health begs to say in reply that the School Committee can purchase and store the brimstone for the same price as is paid by the Board of Health, and that while the School Committee has a corps of 150 janitors connected with the school-houses, who can easily do the work in one day, without extra expense, it would cost the Board of Health the wages of an equal number of men for the time necessary to do the work.

For these reasons the Board of Health respectfully suggests that it would be better economy for the city if the work called for should be done by the School Department.

Very respectfully,

C. E. DAVIS, JR.,
Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on Hygiene.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Superintendent of Schools; signal for one session of schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, MASON ST., Feb. 8, 1887.

HON. T. J. DACEY, *President of the School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, — By the enclosed communication from the Board of Fire Commissioners you will see that the usual signal for one session on stormy days can no longer be given in a large part of the city on and after the first day of March next. I wish you, therefore, to bring the matter before the School Committee, in order that other means may be provided for communicating with the schools, if thought desirable.

Respectfully yours,

EDWIN P. SEAVER.

The following paper accompanied the Superintendent's communication: —

IN BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS,
BOSTON, Feb. 4, 1887.

Ordered, That the striking of alarms on the bells of the Hancock School, Old South Church, Quincy School, Castle-st. Church, Old Franklin School be discontinued on and after March first next.

Attest:

F. W. SMITH, JR.,
Clerk.

The communication and accompanying paper were referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Petition for a new Grammar school-house Ashmont station, Dorchester.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, presented a petition signed by the officers of the Ashmont Improvement Club and eighty-four others, residents of Ashmont, Dorchester, praying for the erection of a Grammar school-house in that section of the city.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Report of Committee on School-houses; new Grammar school-house at Ashmont, Dorchester.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — February 8 — a petition from the residents of Ashmont, Dorchester District, praying for increased school accommodations, reported that it is the

unanimous opinion of the Division Committee, and of this committee, that a new Grammar school-house is needed in that section, and they recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a new Grammar school-house, of twelve rooms and a hall, in the vicinity of the junction of Washington and Ashmont streets, Dorchester.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to improve the ventilation and sanitary condition of the Benjamin Pope Primary school-house.

Ventilation and sanitary condition of Benjamin Pope school-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Ordered, That the salary due Thomas Appleton, deceased, late janitor of the Girls' High School, be paid to his widow, Martha B. Appleton.

Payment of salary due Thomas Appleton.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order concerning the erection of a Primary-school building in the Martin District, reported that this section of the city is a rapidly growing one, the population is increasing, the present accommodations for Primary pupils are overcrowded, and an additional school-house is very much needed. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Report of Committee on School-houses; new Primary school-house, Martin District. (See Minutes, 1886, page 210.)

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a six-room Primary school-house, in a suitable location, east of the Martin Grammar school-house, between Tremont street and Longwood avenue.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Griffin offered the following: —

Instruction in music.

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing and Music consider and report, at the first meeting of the Board in April, upon the advisability of so arranging the study of music in the public schools of the city as to secure uniformity in the method, and greater efficiency in the instruction in music.

On motion of Dr. Blake, the Superintendent made a few remarks on the subject.

The order passed.

Appointments on committees.

The Chair appointed Mr. Williamson chairman of the Committee on Legislative Matters, and Mr. Swasey as a member of that committee, to fill a vacancy.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Tablet on Hugh O'Brien school-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to place the usual tablet on the Hugh O'Brien school-house.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Removal of coal-bin, etc., Hyde school-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to move the coal-bin and fill the pit in the basement of the Hyde school-house, in accordance with the recommendations of the Instructor in Hygiene.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The Chair presented the following: —

Resignation of Richard J. Walsh as member of Committee on Fifth Division.

BOSTON, February 8, 1887.

HON. TIMOTHY J. DACEY, *President School Board*: —

DEAR SIR, — I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Committee on the Fifth Division.

Respectfully yours,

RICHARD J. WALSH.

Accepted.

Mr. Williamson, for the Joint Committee on Accounts and Supplies, presented the following estimates of expenses for the financial year 1887–88, and asked that the same be approved by the Board: — Estimates for 1887-88.

SCHOOLS. — ESTIMATES, 1887–88.

School Committee,
Office of Accounts, February 8, 1887.

James H. Dodge, Esq., *City Auditor*: —

Dear Sir, — The Committee on Accounts of the School Committee herewith transmit to you estimates of the amount which will be required to meet the expenses of the Public Schools for the financial year commencing on the first day of May, 1887, and ending April 30, 1888, exclusive of the expenses for furniture, repairs, alterations, and the building of school-houses.

Very respectfully yours,

WILLIAM C. WILLIAMSON,
Chairman Committee on Accounts, School Committee.

SALARIES OF INSTRUCTORS.

First Grade.

6 Head-Masters, at	$3,780	$22,680	
2 Masters	3,168	6,336	
19 "	2,880	54,720	
2 Junior-Masters	2,736	5,472	
2 " "	1,872	3,744	
3 " "	1,584	4,752	
1 " Master	1,440	1,440	
3 " Masters	1,296	3,888	
3 " "	1,152	3,456	
			$106,488

Second Grade.

38 Masters, at	$2,880	$109,440	
1 Master	2,820	2,820	
4 Masters	2,760	11,040	
2 "	2,700	5,400	
4 "	2,640	10,560	
1 Sub-Master	2,496	2,496	
Carried forward		$141,756	$106,488

Brought forward		$106,488	$141,756
1 Sub-Master	$2,376	2,376	
13 Sub-Masters	2,280	29,640	
1 Sub-Master	2,220	2,220	
5 Sub-Masters	2,160	10,800	
1 Sub-Master	2,100	2,100	
3 Sub-Masters	1,980	5,940	
2 " "	1,920	3,840	
1 Sub-Master	1,860	1,860	
4 Sub-Masters	1,800	7,200	
3 " "	1,740	5,220	
4 " "	1,680	6,720	
1 Sub-Master	1,620	1,620	
3 Sub-Masters	1,560	4,680	
			225,972
Third Grade.			
1 Assistant Principal, at	$1,800	$1,800	
4 First Assistants	1,620	6,480	
1 Second Assistant	1,380	1,380	
1 " "	1,236	1,236	
9 Assistants	1,380	12,420	
1 Assistant	1,332	1,332	
2 Assistants	1,236	2,472	
10 "	1,188	11,880	
2 "	1,140	2,280	
3 "	1,092	3,276	
1 Assistant	1,044	1,044	
4 Assistants	996	3,984	
3 "	900	2,700	
7 "	852	5,964	
5 "	804	4,020	
2 "	756	1,512	
			63,780
Fourth Grade.			
1 First Assistant, at	$1,380	$1,380	
59 " Assistants	1,080	63,720	
1 " Assistant	1,044	1,044	
3 " Assistants	1,008	3,024	
5 " "	972	4,860	
4 " "	936	3,744	
77 Second Assistants	816	62,832	
9 " "	804	7,236	
10 " "	792	7,920	
Carried forward		$155,760	$396,240

Brought forward		$396,240	$155,760
9 Second Assistants	$780	7,020	
15 " "	768	11,520	
270 Third Assistants	744	200,880	
14 " "	696	9,744	
28 " "	648	18,144	
23 " "	600	13,800	
20 " "	552	11,040	
21 " "	504	10,584	
18 " "	456	8,208	
283 Fourth Assistants	744	210,552	
32 " "	696	22,272	
30 " "	648	19,440	
23 " "	600	13,800	
22 " "	552	12,144	
24 " "	504	12,096	
12 " "	456	5,472	
30 Temporary Teachers, 50 days . .		2,790	
30 Special Assistants, 50 days . .		1,500	
			$746,766

Special Grade.

Special Teacher of Illustrative Drawing, Penmanship, etc., Normal School		828
Sewing: —		
29 Instructors, 217 Divisions		15,804
High Schools: —		
Director of Modern Languages . . .	$3,000	
2 Assistants	2,000	
		5,000
Deaf-Mutes: —		
1 Principal	$1,800	
8 Assistants	6,500	
		8,300
Music: —		
1 Instructor, High Schools	$2,640	
4 Instructors, Grammar and Primary Schools .	10,560	
		13,200
Drawing: —		
Director		3,000
Hygiene: —		
1 Instructor		3,000
Carried forward		$1,192,138

Brought forward		$1,192,138
Chemistry: —		
Girls' High, 1 Instructor	$1,380	
" " 1 Laboratory Assistant . . .	744	
	——	2,124
Physical Culture: —		
Girls' High, 1 Instructor	$960	
Girls' Latin, 1 "	492	
	——	1,452
Military Drill: —		
Instructor	$1,500	
Armorer	660	
	——	2,160
Manual Training Schools: —		
Instructors		6,000
Evening High School: —		
Head-Master, 22 weeks	$880	
20 Assistants, 22 weeks	8,800	
Clerk	440	
	——	10,120
Evening Elementary Schools: —		
13 Principals, 22 weeks	$5,720	
80 Assistants, 22 weeks	13,200	
	——	18,920
Evening Drawing Schools: —		
2 Masters, 66 evenings	$1,320	
4 Head-Assistants, 66 evenings	1,584	
17 Assistants, 66 evenings	5,610	
5 Curators	660	
	——	9,174
Total for Instructors		$1,242,088

SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

Superintendent	$4,200
6 Supervisors, at $3,780	22,680
Secretary	2,880
Auditing Clerk	2,880
Assistants	2,320
Copyist	1,000
Assistant in offices, School Department	600
Messengers	1,700
16 Truant-Officers	19,500
Total for Officers	$57,760

INCIDENTALS.

Text-books Reference-books Exchange of Books	$45,000
Books for Supplementary Reading	2,500
Annual Festival	2,000
Globes, Maps, and Charts	1,100
Musical Expenses: — Instruments, Repairs and Covers,	2,000
Printing and Stock used for same	5,800
Philosophical, Chemical, and Mathematical Apparatus and Supplies	2,200
School Census	1,100
Stationery, Drawing-Materials, and Record-books	12,500
Slates, Diplomas, Racks, Pencils, Erasers, etc.	3,100
Advertising	300
Military Drill: — Arms, Repairs, etc.	350
Fuel, Gas, and Water	66,000
Removing snow from school-house yards	4,000
Salaries of Janitors	106,000
Janitors' and other supplies	3,300
Cost of work for delivering supplies, including salaries, expenses of teaming, repairs, repairing apparatus, etc.,	5,250
Cost of supplies for Manual Training Schools	2,000
Miscellaneous, including sewing materials, teaming, extra labor, horse and carriage expenses, postage, car and ferry tickets, receiving coal, and sundry items	2,500
Total for Incidentals	$267,000

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries of Instructors	$1,242,088
Salaries of Officers	57,760
Incidentals	267,000
	$1,566.848

INCOME.

Non-residents, State and City	$13,000
Trust-Funds, and other sources	14,000
	$27,000

The estimated amount required for salaries of instructors the coming year is $1,242,088.

The following statement presents the amounts paid for this item for four years and ten months, and the estimated amount required for the remaining two months of the present year, — showing the comparative salaries of instructors for five years: —

1882–83		$1,123,154 90
1883–84		1,147,863 23
1884–85		1,170,751 71
1885–86		1,192,493 29
1886–87 ten months . .	$1,002,792 42	
estimate for two months,	211,000 00	
		1,213,792 42

It will be noticed from the above statement that there is an average yearly increase in salaries of instructors of nearly $23,000, which is necessitated by the yearly natural increase in the number of pupils.

In addition to the increased amount necessary under ordinary circumstances, an increase of about $5,000 is requested in addition to what was spent during the past year, to meet the demands of the Committee on Manual Training, who intend to open additional schools of that character during the coming year.

The opening of the Hugh O'Brien School within a few months will require an additional expenditure, and the increase of $28,295.58 for salaries of instructors, above the amount spent this year, will undoubtedly be needed for the purpose.

The amount asked for salaries of officers is $57,760, — a decrease, as compared with the amount granted last year, of $1,240.

Under the head of school expenses the following explanation is offered as to the necessity of granting the amounts requested.

The city is obliged by law to furnish free books and supplies to all pupils. The amount requested for text-books, drawing-materials and stationery is $57,500, which is less, on a basis of 63,000 pupils, than 92 cents per pupil. This cannot be thought a large amount considering the fact that many pupils in the High Schools require books to the value of over fifteen dollars, in addition to the cost of all other supplies, to carry on their studies.

The sum of $66,000 is requested for fuel, gas, and water. Gas and water will cost not far from $10,000, leaving $56,000 for coal and wood. The amount of fuel likely to be consumed the coming year will be about 12,000 tons of coal and 200 cords of wood; and if the price of coal should be above $4.50 per ton, and the estimated amount consumed, the sum requested would not be sufficient. The school-houses recently acquired, use a much larger amount of fuel, gas, and water than do the older buildings, on account of improved methods of ventilation.

The amount required for salaries of janitors is $106,000. The amount expended this year will be about $89,500, an increase of about $3,000 over that of the past year, caused principally by the occupation of new buildings and additional work required in the other buildings.

The increase next year from the same cause will make salaries of janitors, on the present basis, about $92,500.

A year ago the School Committee voted to increase these salaries to the extent of $4,500, but they did not put that action into effect owing to the reduction in the appropriation. It is desired this year to increase salaries to that amount, which will make the sum needed $97,000.

Again, it is proposed to pay the janitors weekly, to conform to the manner of payment of similar employés in other departments, and, the $97,000 before stated will only pay them to March 20, 1888; and as at least five weekly payments must be made between that date and the close of the financial year, an additional appropriation of at least $9,000 will be needed to meet that contingency, making the total amount required $106,000, as above stated.

The committee have included an estimate for clearing the snow from school-house yards, in accordance with a communication from His Honor the Mayor and the opinion of the Corporation Counsel that it was the duty of the School Board to do this work. The amount requested is $4,000, the committee believing that sum may answer for experiment during the first year.

Your committee are of opinion that a careful examination of the other items under the head of school expenses will alone be sufficient to guarantee the granting of the full amounts requested.

The committee having charge of the preparation of these estimates have considered every item very carefully and they are of the opinion that every dollar asked for is needed and should be granted. If the appropriating power thinks otherwise the School Board respectfully request that they may be informed what item or items can be reduced.

The Committee on Accounts respectfully request that the Auditor of Accounts may be authorized to transfer unexpended balances from any one of the appropriations named to any other appropriation.

For the Committee on Accounts,

WM. C. WILLIAMSON,
Chairman.

For the Committee on Supplies,

NAHUM CHAPIN,
Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Murphy the rules were suspended, and the estimates as presented by the committee were unanimously approved.

Mr. Chapin offered the following: —

Time of regular meeting changed.

Ordered, That the next regular meeting of the Board be held on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at half-past seven o'clock P.M.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Feb. 23, 1887.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Dunn and Walker.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Harvard District. — Katharine W. Huston, second assistant, Feb. 28, 1887. Resignation of teachers.

Lewis District. — Phebe H. Simpson, third assistant, Feb. 21, 1887.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Harris District. — H. Adelaide Sullivan, third assistant, from Feb. 14, 1887. Temporary teacher.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Bunker Hill District. — Annie F. McMahon, third assistant, from Feb. 21, 1887. Election of teachers on probation.

George Putnam District. — Katharine W. Huston, first assistant, from Feb. 28, 1887.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Brimmer District. — Josephine Garland, third assistant.

Dudley District. — Ida S. Hammerle, third assistant.

Hancock District. — Lucy A. G. McGilvray, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

The Chair read the following: —

Resignation of John W. Porter as a member of Committee on Sixth Division.

BOSTON, Feb. 23, 1887.

T. J. DACEY, ESQ., *President of the School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, — I beg herewith to resign my position as a member of the Sixth Division Committee.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN W. PORTER.

Accepted.

Appointments on committees.

The Chair appointed Mr. Walsh, a member of the Committee on Sixth Division, to fill a vacancy; and Mr. Porter, a member of the Committee on the Fifth Division, to fill a vacancy.

Approved.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Elizabeth R. Preston.

Bowdoin District. — Elizabeth R. Preston, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1887.

Penelope G. Hayes.

Comins District. — Penelope G. Hayes, third assistant, until April 1, 1887; Margaret T. Dooley, substitute.

O. Augusta Welch.

Lowell District. — O. Augusta Welch, third assistant, until April 1, 1887.

Abby P. Richardson.

Warren District. — Abby P. Richardson, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1887; Katie T. Brooks, substitute.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to improve the heating and ventilating apparatus of the Dorchester-Everett School-house, and to provide curtains for the windows of the east and west sides of the building.

Improvements in heating and ventilating apparatus Dorchester Everett School-house; curtains for windows.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Roeth, for the Committee on Sewing, reported that, under the provisions of Section 234 of the Regulations, instruction in sewing may be extended into other classes than those named in the section, on the joint recommendation of the Division Committee of the school where such extension is proposed, and the Committee on Sewing. Upon the recommendation of the Committee on the Sixth Division your committee report that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on Sewing; instruction in sewing in upper classes of the Gaston School.

Ordered, That instruction in sewing be given to the three upper classes of the Gaston School.

Accepted and the order passed.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the ventilation of the Dearborn School-house and privies to be improved; to provide curtains for the windows on the south-west side of the building, and to so change the positions of desks and seats in the school-rooms as to secure proper light.

Improvements in Dearborn School-house.

Referred to Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to remove the cause of the escape of

Repairs of furnace, Harvard Primary School-house.

gas from the furnace of the Harvard Primary School-house.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Extension of term of evening schools.

Ordered, That the sessions of the evening schools be extended one week beyond the time provided for in the Regulations, and that they be closed this year on the second Friday in March; *provided*, that the unexpended appropriation, March 1, 1887, will be sufficient to meet this expense.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

Electric lights for School Committee building.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish the School Committee building with incandescent electric lights.

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Truant-Officers, offered the following: —

Salaries of truant-officers.

Ordered, That the salary of the Chief Truant-Officer be at the rate of $1,800 per annum; and that of the other truant-officers be at the rate of $1,200 per annum, to date from April 1, 1887.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of Committee on Examinations; vacancy in Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Examinations, who were requested to report upon the expediency of filling the vacancy in the Board of Supervisors, reported that it is the opinion of this committee that the vacancy should be filled. At a conference of this committee and the Committee on Nominations it was expressed as the sense of both committees that the vacancy in the Board of Supervisors should be filled by the election of a suitable woman.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Nomi-

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, re-

ported the following-named candidates for Supervisor, to fill the vacancy in the Board of Supervisors: Miss Susan Minns, Mrs. Louisa P. Hopkins, Mrs. Sarah A. C. Bond.

nations; candidates for supervisor.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the Board proceeded to ballot for a supervisor.

Ballot for supervisor.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Porter, Crowley, and Elliott a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Sarah A. C. Bond had 2 votes, Susan Minns had 3 votes, and Louisa P. Hopkins had 17 votes, and was accordingly declared elected a supervisor for the term ending March 31, 1888.

Louisa P. Hopkins elected.

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Hygiene, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended by striking out Section 197, and inserting in place thereof the following: —

Contagious diseases; Regulations amended.

SECTION 197. No pupil shall be admitted to any of the public schools without a certificate of a physician that such pupil has been vaccinated, or is otherwise protected against the small-pox; but this certificate shall not be required of pupils who are transferred from one public school to another. No child sick with whooping-cough shall be allowed to attend school; nor shall any child be allowed to attend any school in the city while any member of the household to which such child belongs is sick with small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or measles, or during a period of two weeks after the death, recovery, or removal of such sick person, such length of time being certified to in writing to the teacher by a physician or by the Board of Health. Whenever, by reason of the structure of tenement or other dwelling houses, families live in close contact with one another so as to be practically as one family, the teachers and officers of the School Board shall regard such houses in which the families do not live apart, or are not

removed from contagion, as one household, within the meaning of Chapter 64 of the Laws of 1884 and the acts in addition thereto. When children are absent from school on account of sickness, and whenever the principal has reason to suspect the existence of contagious diseases in any household, he shall be authorized to exclude pupils from school until the cases can be properly investigated. The teachers shall exercise the greatest caution in sending pupils to the houses of absent pupils to ascertain the reasons for such absence, especially forbidding them to enter the houses to which they are sent. Pupils shall not be so sent where contagious diseases are believed to exist in the household of the absent pupils. The principal of any school, upon the receipt of information satisfactory to him that any pupil attending a school under his charge has visited a household where, at the time of such visit, small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or measles existed, shall suspend such pupil from school for a period of two weeks next following such visit.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, the rules were suspended, the order was read a second time and passed.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, offered the following: —

Tables for determination of common minerals, for use in Girls' High and Latin Schools.

Ordered, That sixty copies of "Tables for the Determination of Common Minerals" be provided for use in the Girls' High and Latin Schools.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Chapin offered the following: —

Yard for Harvard Primary School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish reasonable yard-room for the Harvard Primary School-house.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

Appropriations and expenditures.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., Feb. 23, 1887.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred to date, being eleven months payments of the present financial year.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1886–87.	March Draft.	Expenditures, 11 months, 1886–87.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,200,000 00	$106,395 56	$1,109,187 98	$90,812 02
Salaries, Officers . . .	59,000 00	4,403 33	50,947 83	8,052 17
School Ex. Salaries, Janitors .	225,000 00	7,816 26	82,000 82	27,594 70
School Ex. Fuel, Gas, Water .		4,298 97	53,384 50	
School Ex. Supplies, and Miscellaneous Expenses		5,109 09	62,019 98	
Totals	$1,484,000 00	$128,023 21	$1,357,541 11	$126,458 89

The expenses for the past eleven months, as compared with the corresponding time of last year, show a reduction of $580.61. To meet the expenses of the remaining month this year the School Board have to their credit $126,458.89, as against $126,204.77, expended the closing month of the last financial year.

For the Committee on Accounts,

WM. C. WILLIAMSON,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, March 8, 1887.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Blake, Dunn, Elliott, Fallon, Roeth, and Walsh.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the records of the last meeting were amended, so as to read —

Present: All the members except Messrs. Lasker and Walker.

Records amended. [See p. 35.]

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them in print, as amended.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

Reports of the Committee on Nominations.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Roxbury High School. — Edith A. Parkhurst, assistant, from Feb. 14, 1887.

Dudley District. — Ellen F. A. Hagerty, fourth assistant, Sept. 6 and 7, 1886.

Harris District. — M. Ella Tuttle, third assistant, from Feb. 28, 1887.

Mt. Vernon District. — Emma L. McDonald, fourth assistant, from March 1, 1887.

Rice District. — Elizabeth L. B. Stearns, third assistant, from March 1, 1887.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of a teacher on probation.

Gaston District. — A. Delancey Sutherland, second assistant, from April 1, 1887.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Andrew District. — Agnes M. Cochran and May J. Cunningham, third assistants.

Sherwin District. — Adella L. Baldwin, third assistant; Nellie Perry, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

Reëlection special assistants, Primary Schools.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following-named special assistants, Primary Schools, for reëlection, to date from April 1, 1887: —

Adams District. — Sarah N. Macomber; *Agassiz District.* — Rosanna Follan; *Allston District.* — Mary L. Allen, Elizabeth C. Muldoon, Mary E. Thompson; *Bennett District.* — Leslie D. Hooper; *Dorchester-Everett District.* — Lucy G. Flusk; *Gibson District.* — Elinor F. Decatur, Mary A. Merritt; *Hancock District.* — Matilda J. Kennemon; *Harris District.* — Anna E. Lanning; *Mather District.* — Lizzie C. Estey; *Prince District.* — Lilian A. Wellington; *Quincy District.* — Martha A. Lovely.

Accepted, and the special assistants named were declared reëlected.

Reëlection of Director of Modern Languages.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, in the recommendation of the Committee on High Schools, reported the following nomination of a teacher for reëlection for the school year 1887–88: —

Director of Modern Languages. — Alphonse N. van Daell.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot for such instructor. Ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Porter, Darling, and Griffin a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 16; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Alphonse N. van Daell had 16 votes, and was accordingly declared reëlected.

Reëlection of special instructors in military drill and calisthenics.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on High Schools, reported the following nominations of teachers for reëlection for the school year 1887–88: —

Instructor in Military Drill. — Hobart Moore.

Instructors in Calisthenics, Girls' Latin School. — Martha S. Hussey. *Girls' High School.* — Helen D. Baright.

Accepted, and the nominations unanimously confirmed.

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of subordinate instructors.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, submitted, in print, a report nominating for reëlection the subordinate instructors of the several Normal, Latin, High, Grammar, and Primary Schools. (School Doc. 2, 1887.)

Appended to the report were the following orders: —

Ordered, That extra teachers be allowed in those districts where, from want of seating capacity, or to preserve the present classification, the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, have included them in this report.

Ordered, That four ungraded classes in the Eliot District, and two ungraded classes in the Hancock District, may hereafter be maintained.

Rules suspended.

The report was accepted, and the orders passed under a suspension of the rules.

The report was adopted as a whole, the nominations

confirmed, and the subordinate teachers contained in the report of the committee (Doc. 2, 1887) were declared reëlected for the year 1887–88.

Report of Committee on Nomination; nomination of principals for reëlection.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, submitted a report, in print, nominating for reëlection the principals of the several Normal, Latin, High and Grammar Schools.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot for principals of the Normal, Latin, High, and Grammar Schools. The Chair appointed Messrs. Porter, Darling, and Griffin a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duties, reported the whole number of votes to be 17; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

		Votes.
Normal School	Larkin Dunton, Head Master,	had 17
Rice Training School	Delwin A. Hamlin, Master,	" 17
Public Latin "	Moses Merrill, Head Master,	" 17
Girls' " " / Girls' High "	John Tetlow, Head Master,	" 17
English High "	Francis A. Waterhouse, Head Master,	" 17
East Boston High "	Charles J. Lincoln, Master,	" 17
Roxbury " "	Charles M. Clay, Head Master,	" 17
Dorchester " "	Elbridge Smith, Master,	" 17
Charlestown " "	John O. Norris, Head Master,	" 17
W. Roxbury " "	George C. Mann, Master,	" 17
Brighton " "	Benjamin Wormelle, Master,	" 17

First Division.

Adams School	Frank F. Preble, Master,	had 17
Chapman "	George R. Marble, Master,	" 17
Emerson "	James F. Blackinton, Master,	" 17
Lyman "	Hosea H. Lincoln, Master,	" 17

Second Division.

Bunker Hill School	Samuel J. Bullock, Master,	had 17
Frothingham "	Caleb Murdock, Master,	" 16

		Votes.
Harvard School	.....W. E. Eaton, Master,	had 17
Prescott "	.....Edwin T. Horne, Master,	" 17
Warren "	.....E. Bradford Gay, Master,	" 17

THIRD DIVISION.

Bowdoin School	.....Alonzo Meserve, Master,	had 17
Eliot "	.....Samuel Harrington, Master,	" 17
Hancock "	.....Lewis H. Dutton, Master,	" 17
Phillips "	.....Elias H. Marston, Master,	" 17
Wells "	.....Orlendo W. Dimick, Master,	" 17

FOURTH DIVISION.

Brimmer School	.....Quincy E. Dickerman, Master,	had 16
Prince "	.....E. Bentley Young, Master,	" 17
Quincy "	.....Alfred Bunker, Master,	" 16
Winthrop "	.....Robert Swan, Master,	" 17

FIFTH DIVISION.

Dwight School	.....James A. Page, Master,	had 17
Everett "	.....Walter S. Parker, Master,	" 17
Franklin "	.....Granville B. Putnam, Master,	" 17
Hyde "	.....Silas C. Stone, Master,	" 17
Sherwin "	.....Frank A. Morse,	" 17

SIXTH DIVISION.

Andrew School	.....Joshua M. Dill, Master,	had 17
Bigelow "	.....Thomas H. Barnes, Master,	" 17
Gaston "	.....C. Goodwin Clark, Master,	" 17
Lawrence "	.....Amos M. Leonard, Master,	" 17
Lincoln "	.....Alonzo G. Ham, Master,	" 17
Norcross "	.....Fred. O. Ellis, Master,	" 17
Shurtleff "	.....Henry C. Hardon, Master,	" 17

SEVENTH DIVISION.

Comins School	.....Myron T. Pritchard, Master,	had 17
Dearborn "	.....Harlan P. Gage, Master,	" 17
Dillaway "	.....Sarah J. Baker, Master,	" 17
Dudley "	.....Leverett M. Chase, Master,	" 17
George Putnam School	....Henry L. Clapp, Master,	" 17
Lewis School	.....William L. P. Boardman, Master,	" 17
Lowell "	.....Daniel W. Jones, Master,	" 17
Martin "	.....Charles W. Hill, Master,	" 17

Eighth Division.		Votes.
Agassiz School	John T. Gibson, Master,	had 17
Allston "	G. W. M. Hall, Master,	" 17
Bennett "	Henry L. Sawyer, Master,	" 17
Charles Sumner School	Artemas Wiswall, Master,	" 17
Hillside School	Albert F. Ring, Master,	" 17
Mount Vernon School	Abner J. Nutter, Sub-Master,	" 17

Ninth Division.		
Dorchester Everett-School	Henry B. Miner, Master,	had 17
Gibson School	William E. Endicott, Master,	" 17
Harris "	N. Hosea Whittemore, Sub-Master,	" 17
Mather "	Edward Southworth, Master,	" 17
Minot "	Joseph T. Ward, Jr., Master,	" 17
Stoughton "	Edward M. Lancaster, Master,	" 17
Tileston "	Hiram M. George, First Assistant,	" 17

Principals re-elected.

The principals, as reported by the committee, having received the necessary number of votes required under the rules to elect, were declared reëlected for the ensuing year.

Letter of acceptance from Mrs. L. P. Hopkins.

The Chair presented a letter of acceptance of the office of Supervisor, from Mrs. L. P. Hopkins.

Placed on file.

Petition of pupils for holiday, March 17.

The Chair presented a petition, signed by John J. Cronin and 159 other pupils in the North-End schools asking that Thursday, the 17th day of March, be granted them as a holiday.

Referred to the Committee on Third Division, with full powers.

Annual Report of the Committee on Salaries; salaries of teachers.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on Salaries, presented the annual report of that committee [School Doc. 1, 1887], containing a schedule of the salaries of instructors for the ensuing year, and recommending the passage of the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors of the

public schools be for the ensuing school year as contained in the following schedule. [See School Doc. 1, 1887.]

2. *Ordered*, That Masters elected as Principals of High Schools, whose average whole number for the preceding school year exceeds one hundred pupils, receive $288; Sub-Masters, elected as Principals, $216; First Assistants, elected as Principals, $72; each, in addition to the regular salary of the rank.

3. *Ordered*, That the salary of a temporary junior master be at the rate of five dollars per day of actual service.

Laid on the table.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Mabel West.

Bowdoin District. — Mabel West, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1887; M. Elizabeth McGinley, substitute.

J. Ida Munroe.

Eliot District. — J. Ida Munroe, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1887; Florence E. Phillips, substitute.

Annual Report.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on Annual Report of 1886, submitted the annual report of the School Committee for 1886.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Darling, it was

Edition of Annual School Report.

Ordered, That four thousand copies of the report of the Committee on the Annual School Report of 1886 be printed.

On motion of Mr. Porter, it was

Number of pupils in first classes of the Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That so much of the report of the Committee on Nominations as relates to the number of pupils in the first classes of the Grammar Schools (Doc. 2, page 3) be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Compensation to teacher on Spectacle Island.

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred and ninety and $\frac{72}{100}$ dollars ($290.72) be paid to Nellie M. Howes for services as teacher of the school on Spectacle Island, from Feb. 1, 1886, to Feb. 1, 1887.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Alterations in Charlestown High School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide suitable accommodations in the Charlestown High School-house for a master's office and for a library.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Study of Zoölogy discontinued in Latin School.

Ordered, That the study of Zoölogy be discontinued for the remainder of the school year in the Latin School.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, to whom was referred — January 13 — the recommendations made by the Board of Supervisors in their annual report relative to probationers in High Schools, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on High Schools; probationers in High Schools.

Ordered, That Section 142, paragraph 2, of the Regulations be amended as follows: Strike out all after the words "admitted on probation," in the seventh line, to and including the words, "Board of Supervisors," in the tenth line, and insert in place thereof the following words: "the probation to close at or near the end of the school year, only such of these pupils being retained as in the opinion of the principal and of the Board of Supervisors, approved by the Committee on High Schools."

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the order offered at the last meeting relative to "Tables for the Determination of Common Minerals" (see page 40) was taken from the table.

Tables for the Determination of Common Minerals authorized for use in the Girls' High and Latin Schools. [See p. 40.]

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Text-books, the following order was substituted for the original order: —

Ordered, That "Tables for the Determination of Common Minerals" be authorized for use in the Girls' High and Latin Schools, and that sixty copies of the book be furnished.

The order passed.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to substitute slate troughs, with partitions of sufficient extent, in place of the unbroken wooden trough now in use, in the urinals of the Eliot School-house.

Urinals in Eliot School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Darling, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to provide a trap under the sink in Room 5 of the Hancock School-house.

Trap for sink in Hancock School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Chapin presented a petition, signed by Joseph Gahm and fifty-two others, citizens of the Charlestown District, praying that a yard be connected with the Harvard Primary School-house large enough to accommodate the children for a play-ground. Mr. Chapin stated that it was this petition which prompted the order he offered at the last meeting.

Petition for yard for Harvard Primary School. [See p. 40.]

The petition was placed on file.

Mr. Eliot, for the Committee on Horace Mann School,

Confirmation of Elsa L. Hobart.

reported, recommending the confirmation of Elsa L. Hobart, assistant in the Horace Mann School.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 22, 1887.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members.

On motion of Mr. Canning, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of the Committee on Nominations.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Charles Sumner District.— Mabel L. Warner, third assistant, from March 7, 1887.

Comins District. — Ervinia Thompson, third assistant, from March 7, 1887.

Dillaway District. — Mabel C. Friend, third assistant, from March 21, 1887.

Everett District. — Marguerite J. Flynn, fourth assistant, from March 1, 1887.

Hancock District. — Margaret A. Nichols, third assistant, from March 7, 1887.

Hillside District. — Mary E. McDonald, fourth assistant, from March 7, 1887.

Lowell District. — Mary A. H. Fuller, third assistant, from March 1, 1887.

Stoughton District. — Clara A. Brown, third assistant, from March 7, 1887.

Wells District. — Mary E. Smith, fourth assistant, from March 7, 1887.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Sarah W. Loker.

Dearborn District. — Sarah W. Loker, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1887; James Burrier, substitute.

Mary S. Sprague.

Dillaway District. — Mary S. Sprague, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1887; Elizabeth M. Blackburn, substitute.

Caroline A. Shepard.

Gibson District. — Caroline A. Shepard, third assistant, until June 1, 1887; Lizzie C. Estey, substitute.

Silence A. Hill.

Lincoln District. — Silence A. Hill, third assistant, until Sept. 15, 1887.

Report of Committee on Ninth Division; petition for enlargement of Savin Hill Primary School house. [See page 6.]

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, to whom was referred — Jan. 10 — a petition signed by James H. Stark and others, requesting that the Savin Hill Primary School-house be enlarged so as to accommodate Grammar-School pupils in that vicinity, reported that, after consideration, the committee recommend that no action be taken on the matter at this time.

Accepted.

Mr. Porter, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Temporary teacher authorized for Bailey-street School.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Ninth Division be authorized to appoint a temporary third assistant for the grammar classes in the Bailey-street School, Stoughton District.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Election of Instructor in Hygiene.

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Hygiene, reported for reëlection for the ensuing school year, John B. Moran, Instructor in Hygiene.

Accepted.

Ballot for Instructor in Hygiene.

The Board proceeded to ballot for an Instructor in Hygiene.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Elliott, Hall, and Murphy a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. There was one blank. John B. Moran had 23 votes, and was accordingly declared reëlected Instructor in Hygiene for the ensuing school year.

John B. Moran elected.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, a petition for the introduction of manual education in South Boston schools, reported that, on account of the limited appropriations, the committee have been unable to extend manual instruction to any considerable extent during the past year. It is the intention of the committee to provide for manual instruction in all sections of the city as rapidly as possible, and as the appropriations permit. The only cooking-school now supported by the city is in South Boston. The committee hope to establish others in Roxbury, Charlestown, North End, East Boston, and Dorchester, September next.

Report of Committee on Manual Training Schools; petition for introduction of manual education in South Boston schools.

Accepted.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, reported for reëlection, for the ensuing school year, the following-named instructors: —

Election of instructors in Manual Training School; Cooking School.

Manual Training School. — George Smith.

Boston School Kitchen No. 2. — Emeline E. Torrey.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase additional land for the enlargement of the lot of the Dillaway School-house.

Enlargement of lot of Dillaway School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Eliot offered the following: —

Amendment to Regulations proposed.

Ordered, That Section 204 of the Regulations be amended by the addition of the following clause: "but said committee shall have no power to grant a holiday."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Reëlection of instructors in Horace Mann School.

Mr. Eliot, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, reported for reëlection, for the ensuing school year, the following-named instructors in that school: —

Principal. — Sarah Fuller.

First Assistant. — Ella C. Jordan.

Assistants. — Mary F. Bigelow, Elsa L. Hobart, Sarah A. Jordan, Hannah Merrill, Martha F. Metcalf, Kate D. Williams. *Assistant on Probation*, — Florence E. Leadbetter.

Accepted, and the subordinate teachers declared reëlected.

Ballot for principal of Horace Mann School.

On motion of Mr. Eliot, the Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Horace Mann School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Eliot, Walsh, and Dunn a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Sarah Fuller had 22 votes, and was accordingly declared reëlected principal of the Horace Mann School for the ensuing school year.

Sarah Fuller elected.

Election of a sewing-teacher.

Mr. Roeth, for the Committee on Sewing, reported the nomination of Sarah H. Norman as a teacher of sewing in the Gaston School; term of service to begin March 23, 1887.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Reëlection of sewing-teachers.

Mr. Roeth, for the same committee, reported for reëlection, for the ensuing school year, the following-named instructors of sewing: —

Eliza A. Baxter, Catherine L. Bigelow, Elizabeth W. Boyd, Sarah J. Bray, Annie E. Brazer, Harriet E. Browne, Helen L. Burton, Catherine J. Cadogan, Eliza M. Cleary, Susan M. Cousens, Isabella Cumming, Kate A. Doherty, Anna J. Goodwin, Olive C. Hapgood, Mary E. Jacobs, Lizzie S. Kenna, Delia Mansfield, Mary J. McEntyre, Catherine C. Nelson, Sarah H. Norman, Mary E. Patterson, M. Elizabeth Robbins, Martha A. Sargent, Julia A. Skilton, Sarah A. Stall, Frances E. Stevens, Lizzie A. Thomas, Emma A. Waterhouse, Mary A. Willis, Maria L. Young.

Accepted, and the instructors declared reëlected.

Mr. Roeth, for the Committee on Sewing, offered the following: —

Salary of Mary J. McEntyre.

Ordered, That the sum of fifty-eight dollars be paid to Mary J. McEntyre, for extra services as sewing-teacher in the Norcross School.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Election of Director of Drawing.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported for reëlection, for the ensuing school year, Henry Hitchings, Director of Drawing.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a Director of Drawing.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Gallagher, Chapin, and Blake a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

Henry Hitchings elected.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Henry Hitchings had 22 votes, and was accordingly declared reëlected Director of Drawing for the ensuing school year.

Resignation of Julius Eichberg.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported, with regret, the resignation of Julius

Eichberg, who for twenty years has held the position of Director or special instructor in Music in our schools; said resignation to take effect April 1, 1887.

Accepted.

Mr. Eliot offered the following: —

Resolution on resignation of Julius Eichberg.

Resolved, That the resignation of Julius Eichberg is accepted with a profound sense of the value of the services which he has rendered to our schools for many years.

Adopted unanimously.

Reëlection of Special Instructors in Music.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported for reëlection, for the ensuing school year, the following-named Special Instructors in Music.

High Schools. — Joseph B. Sharland.

Grammar and Primary Schools. — Hosea E. Holt, J. M. Mason, Henry G. Carey.

Accepted, and the instructors declared reëlected.

Election of Special Instructor in Music.

Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, reported the nomination of James M. McLaughlin as a Special Instructor in Music, — Grammar and Primary Schools, — the term of service to begin April 1, 1887.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, April 12, 1887.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Elliott, Grainger, Hall, and Roeth.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Sherwin District. — Sybel G. Brown, third assistant, April 1, 1887. Resignations of teachers.

Warren District. — Julia E. Harrington, third assistant, March, 16, 1887.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Mather District. — Lena LeV. Dutton, from April 11, 1887. Special Assistants, Primary Schools.

Wells District. — Katharine A. Burns, from March 14, 1887.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Charlestown High School. — Minna B. Noyes, assistant, from April 11, 1887. Temporary teachers.

Eliot District. — Genevieve C. Roach, third assistant, from April 25, 1887.

Gaston District. — Nellie S. Henry, third assistant, from April 11, 1887.

Harvard District. — Ann E. Weston, second assistant, from March 7 to 15, 1887, inclusive.

Mt. Vernon District. — Inez Drake, fourth assistant, from April 18, 1887.

Stoughton District. — Mary P. Howland, third assistant, from Dec. 16, 1886.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Gibson District. — Mary A. Merritt, fourth assistant, from April 11, 1887.

Sherwin District. — Gertrude Halladay, third assistant, from April 1, 1887.

Warren District. — Alice M. Raymond, third assistant, from March 16, 1887.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board.

Clara E. Webster.

Girls' High School. — Clara E. Webster, assistant, until Sept. 1, 1887; M. Medora Adams, substitute.

Elizabeth R. Preston.

Bowdoin District. — Elizabeth R. Preston, second assistant, Primary School, until July 1, 1887; M. Elizabeth McGinley, substitute.

Florence Cahill.

Gaston District. — Florence Cahill, fourth assistant, until Sept. 1, 1887; May M. Ham, substitute.

Amanda Pickering.

Lewis District. — Amanda Pickering, second assistant, until July 1, 1887; Fanny L. Rogers, substitute.

O. Augusta Welch.

Lowell District. — O. Augusta Welch, third as-

sistant, until July 1, 1887; Mary J. Capen, fourth assistant, until July 1, 1887; Clara I. Stevens, substitute. Mary J Capen.

Warren District. — Abby P. Richardson, fourth assistant, until Sept. 1, 1887; Katie T. Brooks, substitute. Abby P. Richardson.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That whenever the use of the drill-hall of the English High and Latin School building is granted to any person or organization of any kind, it be with the understanding that the floor of the drill-hall is not to be waxed or changed in any way so as to interfere with the military drill. This order to take effect September 1, 1887. Use of drill-hall of High-School building.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, it was "Robinson Crusoe" authorized as permanent supplementary reading in Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That "Robinson Crusoe" be authorized for use as permanent supplementary reading in the fourth and fifth classes of the Grammar Schools.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — March 8 — so much of the report of the Committee on Nominations (Doc. 2) as relates to the number of pupils in the first classes of the Grammar Schools, reported, that, after a careful consideration of the matter, they are of the opinion that for many reasons it would not be advisable to change the existing Regulations relative to nomination of teachers by changing the number of pupils in the first classes of the Grammar Schools. Your committee believe that the Committee on Nominations will continue to exercise that judicious consideration relative to the nominations of teachers which they have exercised in the past, and report that no legislation is needed at this time. Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; number of pupils in first classes of Grammar Schools. [See p. 49.]

Accepted.

Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 8 — an order proposing an amendment Report of Committee on Rules and

Regulations; probationers in High Schools. [See p. 50.]

to Section 142 of the Regulations reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Section 142, Paragraph 2, of the Regulations, be amended as follows: Strike out all after the words "admitted on probation" in the seventh line, to and including the words "Board of Supervisors" in the tenth line, and insert in place thereof the following words: "the probation to close at or near the end of the school year, only such of these pupils being retained as in the opinion of the principal and of the Board of Supervisors, approved by the Committee on High Schools."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; signal for one session of schools. [See p. 24.]

Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 8 — the communications of the Superintendent and of the Fire Commissioners relating to the striking of the signal for one session, reported that the committee have learned that in the section of the city where the striking of alarms on the bells has been discontinued, the masters of schools can readily ascertain from the police-stations and engine-houses information concerning the one-session signal, and that no further action in the matter is necessary at present.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment to Section 204 of the Regulations; holiday. [See p. 56.]

Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 22 — an order proposing an amendment to Section 204 of the Regulations by adding the words "but said committee shall have no power to grant a holiday," reported that in the judgment of this committee the present Regulations do not give the power to the committees to grant holidays, and that no change in the Regulations is necessary.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That twenty-five hundred copies of the Rules and Regulations be printed (including all amendments to the present time), and that the Committee on Rules and Regulations be authorized to make such verbal changes as may be desirable.

Edition of Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing and Music be granted further time in which to report upon the order referred to them — Feb. 8 — relating to the instruction in music in the public schools.

Instruction in music; Committee on Drawing and Music granted further time. [See p. 26.]

Mr. Fallon offered the following :—

Ordered, that the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows :—

Amendment to Rules and Regulations proposed. Sects. 49, 234.

SECT. 49. Strike out the section and insert in place thereof the following: "The Committee on Sewing shall have the general supervision of the instruction in sewing in all the schools where sewing is taught; they shall examine the pupils, as far as is practicable, in this branch. At the second meeting in March they shall recommend to the Board for reëlection such regularly elected teachers of sewing as have served acceptably during the whole or any part of the current school year. They may grant leave of absence to, and appoint a substitute for, a teacher of sewing for not longer than one month at a time, and the Board for longer terms. They shall make a written report to the Board in September. When vacancies occur, or when additional teachers are needed, the committee in charge shall be joined to the Committee on Sewing, and this joint committee shall nominate to the Board suitable teachers of sewing. The joint committee of the committee in charge and the Committee on Sewing may recommend to the Board the dismissal of any regular teacher of sewing.

SECT. 234. Strike out all after the word "proposed" in the seventh line and insert in place thereof the following: "The teacher of sewing shall have general oversight in the department assigned to her, and shall be assisted in teaching by the regular teacher of the class under instruction."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Anna G. D. Ellis.

Ordered, That Anna G. D. Ellis, third assistant in the George Putnam District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Nov. 1, 1886, on account of her long and successful experience as a teacher in this city.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Gallagher offered the following: —

Visits of teachers to other schools; amendment to Regulations proposed.

Ordered, That Section 184 of the Regulations be amended by adding the following words: "and any class or school may be dismissed for this purpose with the consent of the chairman of the committee in charge."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Lasker, it was

Accommodations for evening school in Phillips School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to fit the Phillips School-house for the use of the evening school now occupying rooms in the Anderson-street building.

Petition of graduates of Bridgewater State Normal School to amend Section 145 of the Regulations.

Mr. Swasey presented a petition signed by Alfred Bunker and twenty-four others, graduates of the Bridgewater State Normal School, and teachers in the public schools of this city, calling attention to the fact that the advanced course of study at that school extends over four years, and embraces a curriculum as extensive, probably, as that in many colleges of the country, and requesting that Section 145 of the Rules and Regulations

be so amended as to allow graduates of that and the other State Normal Schools to take the examination for certificates of the first grade, and, if found qualified, to receive them.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Chair appointed the following committee to make arrangements for, and to take charge of, the Annual School Festival: Messrs. Porter, Canning, R. D. Elliott, Fallon, and Dunn.

Committee on Annual School Festival.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Ordered, That the salaries of instructors and truant-officers in the service of the city be continued on the basis of last year's salaries, for the month of April, 1887.

Salaries of teachers and truant-officers for month of April, 1887.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — an order concerning the salaries of truant-officers, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salaries of truant-officers. [See p. 38.]

Ordered, That the salary of the chief truant-officer be at the rate of $1,800 per annum; and that of the other truant-officers be at the rate of $1,200 per annum, to date from April 1, 1887.

Accepted, and the order laid on the table.

Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 22 — an order concerning the salary of Mary J. McEntyre, a sewing teacher, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of Mary J. McEntyre.

Ordered, That the sum of fifty-eight dollars ($58) be paid to Mary J. McEntyre, for extra services as sewing teacher in the Norcross School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Ester Fletcher.

Ordered, That Ester Fletcher, third assistant in the Sherwin District, be placed upon the third year of service in her grade, to date from Feb. 1, 1887.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Privies and urinal, Bennett School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the position of the privies and urinal of the Bennett School-house to be changed to the north-west side of the yard; and that a new urinal of glass or slate, with partitions, be furnished.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Appropriations and expenditures.

Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

Office of Accounts, Mason St., April 12, 1887.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council and the expenditures incurred by the School Committee for the financial year, 1886–87. Also the expenditures for 1885–86.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1886–87.	Expenditures, 1886–87.	Balance unexpended.	Expenditures, 1885–86.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,200,000 00	$1,213,806 24		$1,192,493 29
Salaries, Officers . . .	59,000 00	55,739 67		58,910 00
School Ex. Salaries, Janitors .		89,802 95		86,601 38
School Ex. Fuel, Gas, Water .	225,000 00	57,387 05	$59 42	58,545 69
School Ex. Supplies, and Miscellaneous Expenses		67,204 67		87,766 13
Totals	$1,484,000 00	$1,483,940 58	$59 42	$1,484,326 49

Balance of the appropriation unexpended, $59.42.

The gross expenditures, as compared with those of last year, show an increase in the salaries of instructors of $21,312.95; an increase in the salaries of janitors of $3,201.57; a decrease in the salaries of

officers of $3,170.33; a decrease in the cost of supplies of $21,730.10; making a decrease in the total expenditure, as compared with that of last year, of $385.91.

For the Committee on Accounts,

WM. C. WILLIAMSON,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

Ordered, That the President be and he hereby is instructed in the name of this School Board to remonstrate against, and the Committee on Legislative Matters, to oppose, the passage of the proposed act in amendment of Section 1, of Chapter 282, of the Acts of the year 1886, striking out the words "in the main land."

Report of Committee on Examinations on the study of arithmetic.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred from the files of last year the preamble and resolve offered April 27, 1886, relative to the reduction and simplification of the study of arithmetic, submitted a report on the subject.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the report was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Darling, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, April 26, 1887.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Canning, Darling, Elliott, Fallon, Gallagher, Grainger, Hall, and Lasker.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Probations in High Schools; Regulations amended. [See pp. 50, 62.]

Ordered, That Section 142, paragraph 2, of the Regulations be amended as follows: Strike out all after the words "admitted on probation," in the seventh line, to and including the words "Board of Supervisors," in the tenth line, and insert in place thereof the following words: "the probation to close at or near the end of the school year, only such of these pupils being retained as in the opinion of the principal and of the Board of Supervisors, approved by the Committee on High Schools."

The order passed.

Reports of the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Special assistant, Primary School.

Dillaway District. — Mary E. Connor, from April 26, 1887.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Hyde District. — Carrie M. Bayley, fourth assistant, from April 26, 1887.

Gibson District. — Elinor F. Decatur, third assistant, from April 11, 1887.

Stoughton District. — Mary P. Howland, third assistant, from March 16, 1887.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teacher on probation.

Harvard District. — Julia E. Harrington, second assistant, from March 16, 1887.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Lowell District. — Marguerite G. Brett, fourth assistant.

Tileston District. — Elizabeth K. Shea, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Sarah J. March.

Brimmer District. — Sarah J. March, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1887; Mary A. Reardon, substitute.

Mary E. Buffum.

Chapman District. — Mary E. Buffum, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1887; Nellie F. Holt, substitute.

Marcella M. Ryan.

Comins District. — Marcella M. Ryan, fourth assistant, until July 1, 1887; Ellen M. Farrell, substitute.

Jennie S. Tower.

Franklin District. — Jennie S. Tower, first assistant, until July 1, 1887; M. Alice Kimball, substitute.

Hillside District. — Alice B. Stephenson, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1887; Alice M. Robinson, substitute. E. Augusta Randall, fourth assistant, until Sept. 1, 1887; Kate F. Hobart, substitute.

Alice B. Stephenson.

E. Augusta Randall.

The Chair read the following: —

182 West Brookline Street,
April 20, 1887.

Petition of Boston Woman's Christian Temperance Union; use of tobacco by persons under 16 years of age.

To the Boston School Committee: —

Gentlemen, — The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of this city respectfully petitions your honorable body that the act of the Legislature of 1886, forbidding the sale of tobacco in any of its forms to any person under sixteen years of age, with its penalty of a fine, may be printed upon a card, and posted in a conspicuous place in every room of the boys' schools in the city. We believe that this will aid in the enforcement of the law, by extending information concerning it; that it will also emphasize the physiological instruction given in regard to the influence of narcotics upon the human system, by showing the law of the State to be in harmony with it; and that it will aid in strengthening the sentiment that true manliness, purity of life, and cleanliness of habits are best promoted by totally abstaining from the use of tobacco.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA H. ADAMS, *Supt. of Dept. of Narcotics, Boston W. C. T. U.*

Mrs. A. J. GORDON, *Pres't Boston W. C. T. U.*
Mrs. H. G. RICE, *Sec'y Boston W. C. T. U.*

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Appropriation for physical laboratory, Boys' Latin School.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) for the physical laboratory of the Boys' Latin School, in order that the school may properly fit the pupils under the recent changes in the requirements for admission to Harvard College.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the same committee, it was

Appropriation for physical laboratory, Girls' High and Latin Schools.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) for laboratory work in Physics in the Girls' High and Latin Schools.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Course of study, Boys' Latin School; amendment proposed.

Ordered, That the course of study in the Boys' Latin School be amended by substituting "German and Solid Geometry" for "Advanced Greek."

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Change in hours of the sessions in High Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to change the hours of the sessions in the High Schools, where, in their judgment, such change would be for the interests of the pupils and the schools.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Blake, it was

Annual parade of School Regiment; prize drills.

Ordered, That the annual parade of the Boston School Regiment take place on Friday, May 13; and that the annual prize-drills be held on the afternoons of May 24, 25, 26, 27.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Abbie F. Nye.

Ordered, That Abbie F. Nye, assistant in the Charlestown High School, be placed upon the seventh year of service in her grade, to date from April 1, 1887.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, it was

Ordered, That Sheldon's Greek and Roman History (20 copies) be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Girls' Latin School.

Supplementary reading, Girls' Latin School.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That Walford's Extracts from Cicero, Part I. (45 copies), be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Boys' Latin School.

Supplementary reading, Boys' Latin School.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the graduating exercises in the Gibson and Tileston Schools be dispensed with this year.

Graduating exercises, Gibson and Tileston Schools, dispensed with.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Ordered, That the use of the King-street school-house be granted to William F. Hastings for a vacation school during the months of July and August, the same to be without expense to the city.

King-street school-house; use of for a vacation school.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, it was

Ordered, That five hundred additional copies of the report of the Committee on Examinations on the study of arithmetic (School Doc. No. 4, 1887) be printed.

Additional copies of report of Committee on Examinations on study of arithmetic. [Sch. Doc. No. 4, 1887.]

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to provide steam-heating apparatus for the Harvard Primary school-house.

Steam-heating apparatus for Harvard Primary school-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Julia E. Harrington, second assistant in the Harvard District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from March 16, 1887.

Salary of Julia E. Harrington.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Committee on Supplies authorized to report in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to report in print, and that six hundred copies of the report be printed.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Josephine Garland.

Ordered, That Josephine Garland, third assistant in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her grade.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was,

Hudson street Primary school-house surrendered to City Council.

Ordered, That the Hudson-street Primary school-house be surrendered to the City Council.

Special assignment; report of Committee on Examinations on the study of arithmetic. [See p. 67.]

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the report of the Committee on Examinations on the study of arithmetic (School Doc. No. 4, 1887) was specially assigned for consideration at eight o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

Report of the Committee on School-houses; enlargement of lot of Dillaway school-house. [See page 55.]

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — March 22 — an order concerning the enlargement of the lot of the Dillaway school-house, reported that it has always been the opinion of your committee that a suitable passage-way should be provided from Washington street for the proper accommodation of the pupils attending this school. The vacant land in the vicinity of the school-house is being taken for the erection of buildings, and your committee think that immediate steps should be taken to secure the land for this needed passage-way before it is all occupied with buildings. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase land to provide a suitable passage-way from Washington street to the Dillaway school-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — an order concerning the sanitary condition of the Dearborn school-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Report of the Committee on School-houses; improvements in Dearborn school-house. [See page 37.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the ventilation of the Dearborn school-house and privies to be improved ; to provide curtains for the windows on the south-west side of the building ; and to so change the position of the desks and seats in the school-rooms as to secure proper light.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — an order concerning the heating and ventilating apparatus of the Dorchester-Everett school-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Report of the Committee on School-houses; heating and ventilating apparatus, Dor.-Everett school-house. [See page 37.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to improve the heating and ventilating apparatus of the Dorchester-Everett school-house ; and to provide curtains for the windows on the east and west sides of the building.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 12 — an order relating to improvements in the sanitary condition of the Bennett school-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Report of the Committee on School-houses; sanitary improvements, Bennett school-house. [See page 66.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional and improved sanitary accommodations in the Bennett school-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Griffin, the Board adjourned.

Attest :

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, May 10, 1887.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Darling, Fallon, Gallagher, Grainger, Roeth, and Williamson.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of the Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Bunker Hill District. — Emma F. Porter, third assistant, April 30, 1887. Resignation of teachers.

Prescott District. — Carrie M. Small, fourth assistant, April 30, 1887.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Comins District. — Bertha F. Cudworth, from May 9, 1887. Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Martin District. — Lena A. Aechtler, from May 3, 1887.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Roxbury High School. — Edith A. Parkhurst, assistant, from May 16, 1887. Temporary teachers.

Hyde District. — Etta Yerdon, third assistant, from May 2, 1887.

Lyman District.— Lena E. Synette, fourth assistant, from May 2, 1887.

Prescott District. — Elizabeth C. Bredeen, fourth assistant, from May 2, 1887.

Sherwin District. — Rose E. Conaty, third assistant, from May 2, 1887.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teacher.

Hancock District. — Julia E. Collins, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

Rank of principal of Harris School.

Mr. Porter, for the same committee, reported that the average whole number of pupils belonging to the Harris School during the preceding quarter entitles the principal to the rank of master. Under the provisions of Section 226, paragraph 4, of the Regulations the committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the rank of N. Hosea Whittemore, principal of the Harris School, be that of master, to date from June 1, 1887.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

L. Anna Dudley.

Dearborn District. — L. Anna Dudley, first assistant, until July 1, 1887; James Burrier, substitute. Margaret T. Dooley, substitute for Sarah W. Loker, third assistant.

Ida B. Nute.

Harvard District. — Ida B. Nute, third assistant, until July 1, 1887; Caroline J. Duff, substitute.

Hillside District. — Nellie F. Pingree, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1887; Annie M. Wilson, substitute.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Dora Williams, assistant in the Roxbury High School, be placed on the fourth year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 27, 1886.

Salary of Dora Williams.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Third Division, it was

Ordered, That the use of the hall of the Eliot school-building be granted to the Eliot School Association on the evening of May 18, 1887.

Use of hall of Eliot school-house.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to provide storm-doors for the Phillips-street school-house, Roxbury.

Storm-doors for Phillips-street school-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide new water-closets for the Comins school-house, and the Phillips-street Primary school-house, Roxbury; also to provide a retiring-room for teachers in the latter building.

Water-closets for Comins and Phillips-street school-houses.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to grade and pave that portion of the yard of the Dorchester-Everett school-house recently added to the lot.

Yard of Dor.-Everett school-house to be graded and paved.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Annual report of Committee on Salaries; salaries of teachers.
[See pp. 48, 49.]

On motion of Mr. Hyde, the annual report of the Committee on Salaries (Doc. 1, 1887) was taken from the table.

The following orders are appended to the report: —

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors of the public schools be for the ensuing school year as contained in the following schedule. [See School Doc. 1, 1887.]

2. *Ordered*, That Masters elected as Principals of High Schools, whose average whole number for the preceding school year exceeds one hundred pupils, receive $288; Sub-Masters, elected as Principals, $216; First Assistants, elected as Principals, $72; each, in addition to the regular salary of the rank.

3. *Ordered*, That the salary of a temporary junior master be at the rate of five dollars per day of actual service.

The report was accepted, and the orders passed.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, the following order was taken from the table: —

Salaries of truant-officers.
[See pp. 38, 65.]

Ordered, That the salary of the chief truant-officer be at the rate of $1,800 per annum; and that of the other truant-officers be at the rate of $1,200 per annum, to date from April 1, 1887.

The order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Julia E. Harrington.
[See p. 73.]

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — April 26 — an order concerning the salary of Julia E. Harrington, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Julia E. Harrington, second assistant in the Harvard District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from March 16, 1887.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 12 — an order concerning the salary of Annie G. D. Ellis, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Annie G. D. Ellis. [See p. 64.]

Ordered, That Annie G. D. Ellis, third assistant in the George Putnam District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Nov. 1, 1886 ; on account of her previous successful experience in the schools of this city.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 26 — an order that Josephine Garland, third assistant in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her grade, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Josephine Garland. [See p. 74.]

Mr. Crowley moved to substitute for the report of the committee the original order, as offered April 26. (See page 74).

Mr. Crowley's motion was lost by a vote of 4 to 11.

The report of the committee was accepted.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — April 12 — an order that Ester Fletcher, third assistant in the Sherwin District, be placed upon the third year of service in her grade, to date from Feb. 1, 1887, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Ester Fletcher. [See p. 66.]

Accepted.

The Chair read the following : —

PERKINS STREET, JAMAICA PLAIN, May 10, 1887.

Communication from Mrs. Pauline A. Shaw; Kindergartens.

To the President and Members of the School Board : —

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN, — In the last report made by your Superintendent, Mr. Seaver, he called attention to a matter which has long been of great interest to me, and for which I venture to ask your further consideration. The free Kindergartens now existing in the city of Boston have been established since 1878. They have been developed sufficiently to show the great value of Fröbel's system for

very young children, and the results are such that all those who have looked into the subject are unanimous in their belief that it forms the necessary basis for future work in all grades and for all studies and occupations. This system has been in practice in many of our cities, with great success, and in several important places has already been incorporated into the public-school system. Is it not time that some movement should be made in Boston to investigate its value, and to see whether it is such as to warrant its adoption into our schools for children from four to six years of age?

Will you appoint a committee of investigation to look into the present workings of the Kindergartens, with a view to ascertaining the value of this system in connection with our public schools?

I shall be glad to see any members of the committee you may appoint, or any members of the Board, to give them statistics, or any information that I can on the subject.

Yours truly,

PAULINE A. SHAW.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Report of Committee on Accounts; petition of Boston Woman's Christian Temperance Union; use of tobacco by persons under 16 years of age. [See p. 71.]

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — April 28 — a communication from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, to the effect that the Act of the Legislature of 1886, forbidding the sale of tobacco in any form to any person under sixteen years of age, with its penalty of a fine, may be printed upon a card and posted in a conspicuous place in every room of the boys' schools in the city, reported that, in view of the fact that the reduced appropriation will barely be sufficient for the present necessities of the schools, your committee do not feel justified in recommending an expenditure of this nature; and they are of the opinion that the petition should not be granted.

Accepted.

Annual report of the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Supplies, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Doc. 5, 1887.)

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, it was

Ordered, That exhibitions of the work of the pupils in the Evening Drawing Schools be held this year in the several school-buildings where those schools are located.

Exhibitions of work; Evening Drawing Schools.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the special assignment, being the report of the Committee on Examinations on the study of arithmetic (School Doc. 4, 1887), was taken up.

Special assignment; report of the Committee on Examinations on the study of arithmetic. [See pp. 67, 74.]

The report was accepted.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Supervisor Ellis Peterson; study of arithmetic.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
BOSTON, April 26, 1887.

To the President of the School Board: —

Will you do me the favor of requesting the School Committee to grant me the privilege — before they have decided the questions at issue on the subject of arithmetic — of presenting to them some facts and considerations that may throw some light upon the subject?

Yours respectfully,
ELLIS PETERSON,
One of the Examiners in Arithmetic.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, Mr. Peterson was invited to address the Board on the study of arithmetic.

Address of Supervisor Peterson on study of arithmetic.

Mr. Peterson delivered an address.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, further consideration of the subject was specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Special assignment; report of Committee on Examinations on study of arithmetic. [See pp. 67, 74.]

On motion of Mr. Blake, it was

Ordered, That Supervisor Peterson be requested to complete his remarks on the subject of arithmetic, and that the same be printed.

Supervisor Peterson's address to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 24, 1887.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Elliott, Fallon, Gallagher, and Roeth.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Clerk of Committees; Truant School.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COMMITTEES,
BOSTON, May 24, 1887.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston: —

Referring to the matter of a School for Truants, which the City of Boston is required to establish by Chapter 282 of the Acts of 1886, the Committee on Schools, who have the matter under consideration, request me to inquire whether or not the School Committee will consent to an amendment to said Act, removing therefrom the requirement that such school shall be established on the main land. With the Act thus amended, the other requirements can be complied with, and the establishment of the school will be greatly facilitated.

An early reply will oblige the committee.

Very respectfully yours,
JAMES L. HILLARD,
Clerk of Committees.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was unanimously

Voted, That this Board declines to consider the proposition presented in the above communication.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Special assistant, Primary School.

Comins District. — Margaret C. O'Hearn, from May 16, 1887.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Bunker Hill District. — Ruth C. Mills, third assistant, from May 2, 1887.

Mather District. — Lena Le V. Dutton, fourth assistant, from May 2, 1887.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Lyman District. — Martha H. Palmer, second assistant, Primary School.

Wells District. — Lillian W. Prescott, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Ellenette Pillsbury.

Adams District. — Ellenette Pillsbury, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1887; Jessie C. Fraser, substitute.

Clara A. Newell.

Eliot District. — Clara A. Newell, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1887; Sylvia A. Richards, substitute.

Ellen E. Leach.

George Putnam District. — Ellen E. Leach, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1887; Sidney E. Bailey, substitute.

O. Augusta Welch.

Lowell District. — Ida F. Taylor, substitute for O. Augusta Welch, granted leave of absence.

Lucy J. Dunnels.

Mather District. — Lucy J. Dunnels, third assistant, until July 1, 1887. Ella L. Howe, fourth assist-

ant, until Sept. 1, 1887; Margaret Cunningham, substitute. Ella L. Howe.

On motion of Mr. Darling, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Ordered, That the West End Vacation School Committee be granted the use of the Blossom-street Primary School-house for a vacation school; the same to be without expense to the city. Blossom-st. School-house; use of for a vacation school.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That there be no sessions of the public schools on Friday, June 17. Holiday, June 17.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, reported the death of Eudora F. Sumner, late third assistant in the Harvard District. Death of Eudora F. Sumner.

Placed on file.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on High Schools, reported the death of Emma A. Temple, late assistant in the Girls' High School. Death of Emma A. Temple.

Placed on file.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Normal School, reported the death of E. Maria Simonds, late third assistant in the Rice Training School. Death of E. Maria Simonds.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Annual School Festival, it was

Ordered, That the Annual School Festival be held on the afternoon of Saturday, July 2. Date of School Festival.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to report in print, and that seven hundred and fifty copies of the report be printed. Committee on Accounts authorized to report in print.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Text-books, it was

Committee on Text-books authorized to report in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-books be authorized to report in print.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Amendment to Regulations proposed; junior-masters.

Ordered, That Section 246, Paragraph 4, of the Regulations, be amended as follows: —

Insert after the words "junior-masters," in the sixth line, the following words: "In mixed schools of two hundred pupils or more a junior-master may be appointed."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Report of the Committee on Examinations; course of study for High Schools.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Examinations, submitted a report proposing a revised course of study for the High Schools.

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Report of Committee on Examinations; course of study, Boys' Latin School.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, presented a report proposing that the course of study in the Boys' Latin School be modified.

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eliot offered the following: —

Amendment to Rules, Sect. 43; approval of sites for school-houses.

Ordered, That Section 43 of the Rules be amended by inserting in the last line but two, after "schools," the words "and after reporting to the Board"; and by substituting in the same line the word "then" for the word "hereby."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Annual report of the Committee on Text-books.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Text-books, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Doc. No. 8, 1887.)

The following orders were appended to the report: —

1. *Ordered*, That Ventura's Peppino, Halévy's L'Abbé Constantin, and La Fontaine's Fables (Sauveur edition),

be authorized for use as text-books in the Latin and High Schools in place of Saintaine's Picciola and Souvestre's Philosophe sous les Toits.

2. *Ordered*, That Sauveur's Petites Causeries be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools; this book to be supplied as new French readers are needed.

3. *Ordered*, That Grimm's Märchen be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

4. *Ordered*, That Nathan der Weise be dropped from the list of text-books for the Latin and High Schools.

5. *Ordered*, That Warren's Common School Geography (revised edition) be authorized for use in the Grammar Schools; the new edition to be furnished at the discretion of the Committee on Supplies.

6. *Ordered*, That the new Franklin Fourth Reader be authorized for use in the fourth and fifth classes of the Grammar Schools, and the new Franklin Fifth Reader be authorized for use in the third class of the Grammar Schools; the new books to be furnished at the discretion of the Committee on Supplies.

7. *Ordered*, That Labberton's Historical Atlas and General History be authorized for use as a reference-book in the Latin and High Schools, — one book for the desk of each teacher.

The report was accepted, and the orders laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Sidewalk in front of Martin School-house to be paved with brick.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the sidewalk in front of the Martin School-house to be paved with brick.

Graduating exercises,

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Dillaway School.

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the Dillaway School take place on the afternoon of Monday, June 27, 1887.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Graduating exercises, Allston and Bennett Schools.

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the Allston and Bennett Schools take place on Monday, June 27, 1887.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Special assignment: report of Committee on Examinations on the study of arithmetic. [See pp. 67, 74, 83.]

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the special assignment being the consideration of the order appended to the report of the Committee on Examinations, on the study of arithmetic, was taken up and specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Blake, it was

Remarks of Gen. Walker on arithmetic to be printed.

Ordered, That the remarks of Gen. F. A. Walker, before the Board, April 12, 1887, on the subject of arithmetic, be printed as a school document.

On motion of Mr. Griffin, it was

Instruction in music; Committee on Drawing and Music requested to report. [See p. 26.]

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing and Music be requested to report at the next meeting of the Board, on the order referred to that committee — Feb. 8 — relative to instruction in music in the public schools.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 14, 1887.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Eliot, Elliott, Grainger, Griffin, and Williamson.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Committee on Children's Celebrations, July 4th — use of school-buildings.

OFFICE OF CLERK OF COMMITTEES,
BOSTON, June 11, 1887.

To the School Committee of Boston: —

GENTLEMEN, — The Committee on Children's Celebration, 4th of July, respectfully request the use of the following school-houses, for the purpose of giving entertainments therein on that day, as has been the custom in former years, namely: —

The High School Drill Hall; and the Emerson, Hancock, Frothingham, Blossom street, Sherwin and George Putnam Schools.

For the Committee,

JAMES L. HILLARD,
Clerk of Committees.

On motion of Dr. Blake, it was

Voted, That the use of the school-houses mentioned in the communication be granted for the purposes named.

Reports of the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATION.

Resignation of a teacher.

Dwight District. — Ella Bradley, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1887.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Dearborn District. — Mary F. O'Brien, from May 24, 1887.

Franklin District. — Etta M. Smith, from May 19, 1887.

Lyman District. — Helen J. Morris, from May 10, 1887.

Quincy District. — Martha S. Harding, from May 9, 1887.

Shurtleff District. — Catherine E. McDonald, from April 13, 1887.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Girls' High School. — Florence Dix, assistant, from May 12, 1887.

Charles Sumner District. — Mabel L. Warner, third assistant, from June 7, 1887.

Comins District. — Ervinia Thompson, third assistant, from June 7, 1887.

Dillaway District. — Mabel C. Friend, third assistant, from June 21, 1887.

Gaston District. — S. Josephine Lavery, fourth assistant, from April 1 to May 6, 1887.

Hancock District. — Margaret A. Nichols, third assistant, from June 7, 1887.

Harris District. — M. Ella Tuttle, third assistant, from May 31, 1887.

Hillside District. — Mary E. McDonald, fourth assistant, from June 7, 1887.

Lowell District. — Mary A. H. Fuller, third assistant, from June 1, 1887.

Mt. Vernon District. — Emma. L. McDonald, fourth assistant, from June 1, 1887.

Rice District. — Mary E. Howard, third assistant, from May 16 to 25, 1887, inclusive; Nellie S. Henry, third assistant, from May 26, 1887; Elizabeth L. B. Stearns, third assistant, from June 1, 1887.

Stoughton District. — Clara A. Brown, third assistant, from June 7, 1887; Mary P. Howland, third assistant, from June 16, 1887.

Wells District. — Mary E. Smith, fourth assistant, from June 7, 1887.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Dwight District. — Ella Bradley, second assistant, primary school, from Sept. 1, 1887.

Everett District. — Marguerite J. Flynn, fourth assistant, from May 2, 1887.

Harvard District. — Mary E. Kelly, third assistant, from May 9, 1887.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of a teacher.

Minot District. — Kate M. Adams, second assistant.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Porter, for the same committee, it was

Election and salary of teacher for school on Spectacle Island.

Ordered, That Nellie M. Howes be appointed special teacher of the school on Spectacle Island, from Feb. 1, 1887, to Feb. 1, 1888, and that she receive a compensation of four hundred dollars, payable quarterly, said sum being in full for all expenses connected with the school, excepting for books, from Feb. 1, 1887, to Feb. 1, 1888, upon proper vouchers being furnished to the effect that the school was open for instruction such days during said year as are required by the Regulations.

Report of the Joint Committee on Nominations and Seventh Division; transfer of Harlan P. Gage.

Mr. Porter, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Seventh Division, reported the transfer of Harlan P. Gage, master of the Dearborn School to the same position in the Hugh O'Brien School, the transfer to date from Sept. 1, 1887.

Accepted, and the transfer confirmed.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committee in charge, the following-named teachers were granted leave of absence for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Edward Stickney.

Alice Hall.

Alice M. Raymond.

Warren District. — Edward Stickney, sub-master, until Sept. 1, 1887; George S. Houghton, substitute. Alice Hall, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1887; Lizzie Simpson, substitute. Alice M. Raymond, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1887; Myra F. Towle, substitute.

Dates of graduatiug exercises, High Schools.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, reported the dates of the graduating exercises of the several High Schools, as follows: —

Monday, June 27,	Girls' High School,	9.30	A.M.
	Dorchester High School,	3	P.M.
	Charlestown High School,	8	"
Tuesday, June 28,	Girls' Latin "	9.30	A.M.
	English High "	10	"
	Roxbury High "	3	P.M.
	Brighton " "	7.30	"
Wednesday, June 29,	W. Roxbury High School,	10.30	A.M.
	E. Boston " "	7.30	P.M.

Accepted.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, reported the death of Luther W. Anderson, late master in the English High School, and presented the following resolutions: —

Resolutions on death of Luther W. Anderson.

Resolved, That this Board, deeply sensible of the loss the school service has sustained in the death of Mr. Luther W. Anderson, for thirty-five years a teacher in

the English High School, desires to place on record its appreciation of his long, faithful, and valuable work. The best of his mind and heart, the best of his life, was given to the youth of Boston. Not only has he freely opened to them his stores of varied knowledge and rare practical wisdom, but he has always cherished that deep, warm, fatherly interest in his boys which wins their respect and life-long attachment. Hundreds of former pupils, whose lives have been made better and happier by his efforts in their behalf, will bless his memory.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in full upon the records, and that a copy of the same be sent to the family of the deceased.

Passed unanimously, by a rising vote.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the orders appended to the report of the Committee on Text-books (Doc. 8, 1887) were taken from the table.

Report of Committee on Text-books. [See pp. 88, 89.]

1. *Ordered*, That Ventura's Peppino, Halévy's L'Abbé Constantin, and La Fontaine's Fables (Sauveur edition) be authorized for use as text-books in the Latin and High Schools in place of Saintaine's Picciola and Souvestre's Philosophe sous les Toits.

Passed, 17 members voting in the affirmative.

2. *Ordered*, That Sauveur's Petites Causeries be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools; this book to be supplied as new French readers are needed.

Passed, 17 members voting in the affirmative.

3. *Ordered*, That Grimm's Märchen be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

Passed, 17 members voting in the affirmative.

4. *Ordered*, That Nathan der Weise be dropped from the list of text-books for the Latin and High Schools.

Passed, 17 members voting in the affirmative.

5. *Ordered*, That Warren's Common School Geography (revised edition) be authorized for use in the Grammar Schools; the new edition to be furnished at the discretion of the Committee on Supplies.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the order was amended by inserting after the word "schools," in the third line, the words "where it is now in use."

The order as amended passed, 17 members voting in the affirmative.

6. *Ordered*, That the new Franklin Fourth Reader be authorized for use in the fourth and fifth classes of the Grammar Schools, and the new Franklin Fifth Reader be authorized for use in the third class of the Grammar Schools; the new books to be furnished at the discretion of the Committee on Supplies.

Passed, 17 members voting in the affirmative.

7. *Ordered*, That Labberton's Historical Atlas and General History be authorized for use as a reference-book in the Latin and High Schools, — one book for the desk of each teacher.

Passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Dora Williams. [See p. 79.]

Mr. Hall, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — May 10 — an order concerning the salary of Dora Williams, assistant in the Roxbury High School, reported as follows: —

An additional teacher was needed in the Roxbury High School to teach German and Drawing. Miss Williams was the only available certificated teacher who could teach these subjects, and at that time was engaged elsewhere at a salary of $1,100. Miss Williams was promised by the committee that she should be appointed on the fourth year of service in her grade ($900). She accepted the position at that salary, and immediately

began to perfect herself in the branches she would be required to teach. In the meantime the Board passed an order that teachers be appointed at the minimum salaries, and that the greatest economy be practised owing to the reduction in the appropriations. The head-master of the Roxbury High School, believing this action by the Board mandatory, and having the engagement of Miss Williams in mind, called the attention of the Chairmen of the Committee on High Schools and the Committee on Accounts to her case, and was assured by them that, if Miss Williams would accept the position at the minimum salary, her claims for an increase in salary would be recognized and allowed as soon as the necessities for that year ended. Miss Williams, relying upon these assurances resigned her position with the salary of $1,100, went to Germany to perfect herself in German, and returned to the Roxbury High School last September.

Your committee are of the opinion that the Board is bound to make good the assurances of the committees of the Board, and that Miss Williams, in accepting her position with full faith in the promises made to her, is entitled to the increase in salary asked for. It is the judgment of your committee that such promises and assurances on the part of committees are unwise and harmful, and ought not to be given.

In the present case the committee feel it to be their duty to report that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Dora Williams, assistant in the Roxbury High School, be placed on the fourth year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 27, 1886.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order. Yeas and nays.

The order passed by the following vote: —

Yeas: The President, Messrs. Blake, Canning, Crowley, Darling, Dunn, Gallagher, Hall, Hyde, Lasker, McDonald, Murphy, Porter, Roeth, Swasey, Walker, and Walsh — 17.

Nays: Messrs. Chapin and Fallon — 2.

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of Abbie F. Nye. [See p. 72.]

Mr. Hall, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — April 26 — an order concerning the salary of Abbie F. Nye, assistant in the Charlestown High School, reported that, at the time of Miss Nye's appointment, she was teaching in the Malden High School. She did not seek the position; but the committee in charge, and the master, knowing of her ability and long and successful experience, were anxious to secure her services. The master held out every inducement of an advance in salary, and the committee in charge assured her that she should receive such advance in salary. A late Supervisor told her that an advanced salary had often been granted in similar cases, and would undoubtedly be granted in her case. She was also informed that the position of first assistant would soon be vacant, and that she should receive that appointment. In the belief that she was to receive an advance in salary, she accepted the position. After her appointment she was informed that she would be required to teach French and Botany, and she devoted her leisure to special preparation in these branches. She was surprised to learn that she had been nominated on the minimum salary of her grade; but, relying upon the assurances of an advance in salary, she has taught in the Charlestown High School for three years. When the present head-master took charge of the school last year he was made aware of the case of Miss Nye; but, owing to the action of the Board in calling for the greatest economy on account of the reduction in the appropriations, he felt that he ought not to present her

case at that time. Your committee are of the opinion that Miss Nye accepted the position with the assurance on the part of the committee in charge that she should receive an advance in salary; and, while they feel that it is unwise for committees to promise any increase in salary, yet they believe that Miss Nye accepted her position in the full belief that she was to receive such increase, and, in their judgment, she is entitled to it. The committee report that the following ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Abbie F. Nye, assistant in the Charlestown High School, be placed upon the seventh year of service in her grade, to date from April 1, 1887.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

Howe School; use of for a vacation school

Ordered, That the use of one room in the Howe School, on West Fifth street, in South Boston, be granted to Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw, for a vacation school, beginning July 11, 1887, provided the same be without expense to the city.

Mr. Gallagher offered the following: —

Tablets for school-houses.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to inscribe on appropriate tablets, placed on the outside of school buildings, the name of the school-house in each case, where the same does not already appear.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

Committees on Drawing and Music; amendment to Rules proposed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to so amend Section 48 of the Rules that there shall be a Committee on Drawing and a Committee on Music, which committees, when appointed, shall have general supervision of these branches of instruction, respectively.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regula-

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — May 24 — an

tions; approval of sites of school-houses; amendment to Rules. [See p. 88.]

order proposing an amendment to the Rules relative to the approval of sites for school-houses, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Section 43 of the Rules be amended by inserting in the last line but two, after the word "schools," the words "and after reporting to the Board"; and by substituting in the same line the word "then" for the word "hereby."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 24 — an order that Section 246, paragraph 4, of the Regulations be amended, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; appointment of teachers in High schools; amendment to Regulations. [See p. 88.]

Ordered, that Section 246, paragraph 4, of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the words "junior masters," in the sixth line, the following words: "In mixed schools of two hundred pupils or more a junior-master may be appointed, and in the Girls' High School a master may be appointed."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; change in hours of sessions in High Schools. [See p. 73.]

Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 26 — an order that the Committee on High Schools be authorized to change the hours of the sessions in the High Schools, where, in their judgment, such change would be for the interest of the pupils and the schools, reported that, in the opinion of your committee, there is no reason why such action should be taken. If it be desirable at any time to change the hours of any High School, it should be done only by the Board, after due consideration. Your committee report that the order referred to them ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regula-

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — April 12 — an order that

Section 184, of the Regulations, be amended by adding the following words to the section: "and any class or school may be dismissed for this purpose with the consent of the chairman of the committee in charge," reported that it is inexpedient to amend the Regulations as suggested.

tions; visits of teachers to other schools. [See p. 64.]

Accepted.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Second Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to place platform desks in the submasters' room in the Harvard school-house.

Platform desks for Harvard School.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the Bunker Hill and Harvard Schools take place on Monday, June 27, 1887.

Graduating exercises, Bunker Hill and Harvard Schools.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional accommodations for the Thetford-avenue school.

Additional accommodation for Thetford-avenue School.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Ordered, That the salary due Eudora F. Sumner, late third assistant in the Harvard School, be paid to her mother, Eunice Bickford.

Payment of salary due Eudora F. Sumner.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — Jan. 25, 1887 — a petition from the Boston Society of Natural History, to the effect that an

Report of the Committee on Accounts; petition of Boston Society of

Natural History; science lectures to teachers. [See p. 16.]

appropriation be made to enable the society to continue courses of instruction to teachers without expense to individual teachers, submitted the following report: —

That while, in the opinion of this committee, it would be a benefit to the schools to provide the teachers with the advantages which would undoubtedly be derived from the lectures proposed, a reference of the subject to the Corporation Counsel brought forward the opinion that no law could be found to justify the spending of money by the School Committee in the manner proposed.

The committee, therefore, recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Annual report of the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the Annual Report of that committee in print. (School Doc. No. 6, 1887.)

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Murphy for the Committee on Seventh Division, it was

Boundary lines, Dearborn and Hugh O'Brien Districts.

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be requested to report at the next meeting of the Board district lines for the Hugh O'Brien and Dearborn school districts.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Platform-floor of hall of Hugh O'Brien School-house; water in basement.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to raise the rear part of the platform-floor of the hall of the Hugh O'Brien school-house, and also to provide water in the basement for drinking purposes.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of the Committee on Examinations;

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the report of the Committee on Examinations on the course of study for the

Boys' Latin School (School Doc. No. 11, 1887) was taken from the table.

course of study for the Boys' Latin School. [See p. 88.]

The report was accepted.

The following order was appended to the report: —

Ordered, That the course of study in the Boys' Latin School be modified in conformity with the courses presented in School Document 11, 1887.

The order passed.

Mr. Murphy offered the following: —

Next regular meeting of the Board.

Ordered, That the next regular meeting of the Board be held on Tuesday evening, June 21, at half-past seven o'clock.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Waite school-house; use of for a vacation school.

Ordered, That permission be granted to Mrs. J. W. Andrews, in behalf of the South End Vacation School, to use the Wait school-house for a vacation school during the months of July and August, the same to be without expense to the city.

Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Physical apparatus-room for the Hyde School.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to fit up a small room in the Hyde school-house, with the usual cases for apparatus, as a class-room for instruction in physics.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Eighth Division offered the following: —

Graduating exercises of the Agassiz School.

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the Agassiz School be held on Monday, June 27.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association: sand in yards of vacation school-houses.

BOSTON, June 2, 1887.

To the School Board of the City of Boston: —

GENTLEMEN, — The Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, through a special committee, respectfully petition your honorable body that permission may be granted for the use of the yard of the Blossom-street vacation school, and also, if possible, the yard of the vacation school on Shawmut avenue, that sand may be placed there in which children shall play. We ask this because of the hygienic value of the sand, and because of the amusement that playing in the sand with little shovels and pails always affords to children. The experiment has already been tried successfully abroad, and last year in three other places in our own city.

FRANCIS MINOT, M.D., *President.*
MISS G. M. TOWER, *Secretary.*

MISS BOWEN,
MISS PINGREE,
MISS HERFORD,
MISS FORBUSH,
Committee.

Voted, That the petition be granted, provided there be no expense to the City of Boston.

Edition of report of Instructor in Hygiene.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Hygiene, it was

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the report of the Instructor in Hygiene be printed.

Special assignment; report of Committee on Examinations on the study of Arithmetic. [See pp. 67, 74, 83, 90.]

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the special assignment, being the consideration of the order appended to the report of the Committee on Examinations on the study of arithmetic (School Doc. 4, 1887), was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, and with the unanimous consent of the Board, the vote whereby the report of the committee was accepted was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the Board proceeded to consider the conclusions and recommendations of the report *seriatim.*

The conclusions and recommendations are as follows: —

1. Home lessons in arithmetic should be given out only in exceptional cases.

2. The mensuration of the trapezoid and of the trapezium, of the prism, pyramid, cone, and sphere; compound interest, cube root and its applications; equation of payments, exchange, similar surfaces, metric system, compound proportion, and compound partnership, — should not be included in the required course.

3. All exercises in fractions, commission, discount, and proportion should be confined to small numbers, and to simple subjects and processes, the main purpose throughout being to secure thoroughness, accuracy, and a reasonable degree of facility in plain, ordinary ciphering.

4. In "practical problems," and in examples illustrative of arithmetical principles, all exercises are to be avoided in which a fairly intelligent and attentive child of the age concerned would find any considerable difficulty in making the statement which is preliminary to the performance of the properly arithmetical operations.

When arithmetical work is put into the form of practical or illustrative problems it must be for the purpose of interesting and aiding the child in the performance of the arithmetical operations, and with a view to their common utility.

5. In oral arithmetic no racing should be permitted; but the dictation should be of moderate rapidity.

6. The average time devoted to arithmetic throughout the Primary and Grammar School course should be three and a half hours a week; and in the third Primary grade not more than two hours, and in the first and second Primary grades not more than three and a half hours each per week.

And also all examinations for promotion from Primary to Grammar Schools should be as simple as possible, and strictly confined within the limit of an hour in each subject.

The first recommendation was adopted.

Mr. Murphy moved to amend the second recommendation so that it shall read: —

The mensuration of the trapezoid and of the trapezium, of the prism, pyramid, cone, and sphere;

metric system, compound proportion, and compound partnership, — shall be included in the optional list.

Lost, by a vote of 5 to 11.

The second recommendation, as reported by the committee, was adopted.

The third recommendation was adopted.

Mr. Murphy moved to amend the fourth recommendation by substituting the word "great" for the word "considerable," in the fourth line.

Lost, by a vote of 3 to 11.

The fourth recommendation, as reported by the committee, was adopted.

The fifth recommendation was adopted.

Mr. Murphy moved to amend the sixth recommendation by striking out the first paragraph.

Lost, by a vote of 6 to 9.

The sixth recommendation, as reported by the committee, was adopted.

The report as a whole was accepted.

The following order was appended to the report: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Examinations be authorized and empowered to revise and alter the Courses of Study so as to include and conform to the foregoing recommendations.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Blake the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 21, 1887.

A regular meeting of the School Committeee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Darling, Gallagher, Roeth, and Walker.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Ordered, That Section 246, paragraph 4 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the words "junior-masters," in the sixth line, the following words: "In mixed schools of two hundred pupils or more, a junior-master may be appointed, and in the Girls' High School a master may be appointed."

Appointment of teachers in High Schools; Regulations amended. [See pp. 88, 100.]

Passed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Ordered, That Section 43 of the Rules be amended by inserting in the last line but two, after the word "schools," the words "and after reporting to the Board"; and by substituting, in the same line, the word "then" for the word "hereby."

Approval of sites of school-houses; Rules amended. [See pp. 88, 100.]

Passed.

Mr. Eliot, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATION.

Roxbury High School. — Nathaniel S. French, assistant, Sept. 5, 1887.

Resignation of a teacher.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

English High School. — Albert Poor, junior-master, from June 13, 1887.

Temporary teacher.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Girls' High School. — Samuel Thurber, master, from Sept. 5, 1887.

Roxbury High School. — Nathaniel S. French, junior-master, second year, from Sept. 5, 1887.

Accepted.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and Seventh Division; candidates for master Dearborn School.

Mr. Porter, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Seventh Division, reported the following-named candidates for the vacant mastership in the Dearborn School, the term of service to begin Sept. 1, 1887: Charles F. King, John C. Ryder, and W. E. C. Rich.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a master of the Dearborn School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Eliot, Griffin, and Crowley a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The following shows the result of the several ballots: —

	1st Ballot.	2d Ballot.	3d Ballot.	4th Ballot.	5th Ballot.	6th Ballot.	7th Ballot.	8th Ballot.	9th Ballot.	10th Ballot.
Whole Number of Votes	20	20	21	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Necessary for a Choice	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Charles F. King	8	7	8	8	8	8	11	12	12	14
John C. Ryder	8	8	7	7	7	7	5	5	5	5
W. E. C. Rich	4	5	6	5	5	5	4	3	3	1

At the close of the fourth ballot Mr. Blake moved that the subject be laid on the table.

Lost.

Charles F. King elected.

On the tenth ballot Mr. Charles F. King received the necessary number of votes required by the rules for

election, and was accordingly declared elected master of the Dearborn School.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, it was

Voted, That the date of the beginning of Mr. King's service as master of the Dearborn School be that of the day on which the O'Brien School is ready for occupancy. Term of service of Charles F. King.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, it was

Ordered, That the use of Sauveur's Petites Causeries be confined, for the present year, to the Roxbury High School. Sauveur's Petites Causeries.

Mr. Griffin offered the following: —

Ordered, That, for the present year, the public schools open on Wednesday, September 7, on account of the recent law making the first Monday in September a legal holiday. Opening of public schools, Sept., 1887.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, it was

Ordered, That a cooking-school be established in Roxbury; and that the location be such as the Committee on Manual Training Schools may select, and the Committee on the Seventh Division approve. Establishment of a cooking-school in Roxbury.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be instructed to issue a certificate of service, special grade, to Althea W. Somes, as teacher of a school of cookery. Certificate of service to Althea W. Somes.

Mr. Murphy, from the same committee, reported the nomination of Althea W. Somes as instructor in the schools of cookery. Election of a teacher of schools of cookery.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Sewing, reported the resignation of Mrs. E. W. Boyd, teacher of sewing, the resignation to take effect Sept. 1, 1887. Resignation of a sewing-teacher.

Accepted.

Transfer and election of teachers of sewing.

Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, reported the transfer of Mrs. Sarah J. Bray, teacher of sewing, to the position in Charlestown made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. E. W. Boyd; also the nomination of Ellen M. Wills as teacher of sewing, to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of Mrs. Sarah J. Bray.

Accepted, and the transfer and nomination confirmed.

Resignation of truant-officers.

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Truant-Officers, reported the resignation of Chase Cole and E. F. Mecuen, truant-officers, to take effect Sept. 1, 1887.

Accepted.

Election of truant-officers.

Mr. Elliott, for the same committee, reported the nomination of the following-named candidates for truant-officers, to fill vacancies: —

Henry M. Blackwell, William B. Shea, and Daniel J. Sweeney; terms of service to begin Sept. 1, 1887.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Report of Committee on Examinations on a revised course of study for High Schools. [See page 88.]

On motion of Mr. Blake, the report of the Committee on Examinations on a revised course of study for the High Schools (Sch. Doc. 10, 1887) was taken from the table.

Mr. Blake moved that the report be recommitted to the Committee on Examinations, with full powers.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Boundary lines of school districts in Seventh Division.

Mr. Murphy offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses have full powers to redistrict the Seventh Division.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

No meeting of the Board on Tuesday, June 28.

Mr. Williamson offered the following: —

Ordered, That there be no meeting of the Board on Tuesday, June 28.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Blake. the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, *Secretary*.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 13, 1887.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Canning, Dunn, Elliott, Gallagher, Hyde, and Walker.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from the City Council. Surrender of Chardon-street Primary School-house to the city.

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, June 27, 1887.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to surrender to the City Council the Chardon-street Primary School-house.

Passed: Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, June 30, concurred.

Approved by the Mayor, July 2, 1887.

A true copy:

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on Third Division.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from City Clerk; taking of land for school purposes.

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, CITY OF BOSTON.

To the Honorable School Committee of the City of Boston: —

GENTLEMEN, — In accordance with the request of the City Council, I transmit herewith a copy of the opinion of the Corporation Counsel in regard to the taking of land for school purposes, and also a copy of Doc. 21, 1884.

Very respectfully,
J. H. O'NEIL,
City Clerk.

Accompanying the communication was a copy of Doc. 21, 1884, also the following: —

Opinion of Corporation Counsel.

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE,
14 BEACON ST., BOSTON, June 3, 1887.

To the Judicial Committee of the City Council: —

GENTLEMEN, — In answer to the question submitted to me by the Asst. Clerk of Committees, by your direction, I am of opinion that the provisions of Sections 48, 49, and 51, of Chapter 44 of the Public Statutes apply to the taking of land by the City of Boston for school purposes. The city had occasion to avail itself of these provisions in 1884. Before action can be taken by the City Council it is necessary, under Section 6, Chapter 241 of the Acts of 1875, that the School Committee should make a statement in writing to the Council of the necessity for a new building, and should approve the locality and plans. For the proper course of proceedings thereafter I beg leave to refer to City Document No. 21 of 1884.

Very respectfully,

E. P. NETTLETON,
Corporation Counsel.

The communication of the City Clerk and accompanying documents were placed on file.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Girls' Latin School. — Anna Van Vleck, assistant, Sept. 1, 1887.

Dorchester High School. — Mary W. Hall, first assistant, Sept. 1, 1887.

East Boston High School. — Emily J. Tucker, assistant, Sept. 1, 1887.

English High School. — Walter H. Russell, junior-master, Sept. 1, 1887.

Girls' High School. — Clara E. Webster, assistant, Sept. 1, 1887.

Roxbury High School. — Clara Bancroft, assistant, Sept. 1, 1887.

West Roxbury High School. — Alma S. Brigham, assistant, Sept. 1, 1887.

Franklin District. — Kate E. Blanchard, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1887.

Frothingham District. — Caleb Murdock, master, Sept. 1, 1887; William B. Atwood, sub-master, Sept. 7, 1887.

Hillside District. — Idella M. Swift, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1887; Ida H. Adams, fourth assistant, Sept. 7, 1887.

Hyde District. — Annie M. Olsson, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1887.

Lewis District. — Charles F. King, sub-master, Sept. 7, 1887.

Martin District. — Alanson H. Mayers, first assistant, Sept. 7, 1887.

Quincy District. — Annie M. Lund, first assistant; Mary L. Holland, second assistant; Harriette A. Bettis, third assistant, Sept. 12, 1887.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

East Boston High School. — Henry E. Fraser, assistant, from Sept. 7, 1887.

English High School. — Albert Poor, junior-master, Sept. 9, 1887.

Comins District. — Ervinia Thompson, third assistant, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Mt. Vernon District. — Emma L. McDonald, and Inez Drake, fourth assistants, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Stoughton District. — Clara A. Brown, third assistant, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Charlestown High School. — Edward F. Holden, assistant, sixth year, from Sept. 13, 1887.

English High School. — Albert P. Walker, junior-master, from Sept. 12, 1887.

Girls' High School. — M. Medora Adams, assistant, from Sept. 12, 1887.

Roxbury High School. — Emily Norcross and Edith A. Parkhurst, assistants, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Bunker Hill District. — Ruth C. Mills, third assistant, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Charles Sumner District. — Mabel L. Warner, third assistant; Grace J. Freeman, fourth assistant, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Dearborn District. — Alanson H. Mayers, sub-master, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Hillside District. — Elizabeth L. Stodder, third assistant; Mary A. Riordan, fourth assistant, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Hyde District. — Etta Yerdon, third assistant, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Lewis District. — Henry B. Hall, sub-master, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Martin District. — Jeremiah G. Foley, first assistant, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Quincy District. — Mary F. Holland, first assistant, Harriette A. Bettis, second assistant, from Sept. 12, 1887.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Girls' Latin School. — Lyman R. Williston, master.

Dorchester High School. — Elizabeth M. Ritter, assistant.

Girls' High School. — Emma W. Kaan, assistant.

Roxbury High School. — Dora Williams, assistant.

Brimmer District. — Elizabeth G. Cahill, Alice Patten, fourth assistants.

Comins District. — Elizabeth G. Melcher, first assistant.

Dwight District. — Mary McSkimmom, third assistant.

Everett District. — Susan S. Foster, second assistant; Mary H. Gibbons, third assistant.

Harvard District. — Annie F. Childs, fourth assistant.

Hillside District. — Mary Bradley, third assistant.

Lewis District. — Alice M. Sibley, fourth assistant.

Mt. Vernon District. — Ella F. Parsons, fourth assistant.

Quincy District. — Mary E. Graham, fourth assistant.

Warren District. — Fannie L. Osgood, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS OF TEACHERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Charlestown High School. — Mary C. C. Goddard, assistant, to the same position in the Girls' Latin School; the transfer to date from Sept. 1, 1887.

Comins District. — L. Addie Colligan, third assistant, to the position of fourth assistant in the same district; Jane E. Gormley, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district; the transfers to date from Sept. 1, 1887.

Dearborn District. — John C. Ryder, sub-master: L. Anna Dudley, first assistant; Helen F. Brigham, second assistant; Abbie L. Baker, Sarah H. Hosmer,

Sarah W. Loker, Maria L. Mace, Mary J. Mohan, third assistants, — to the same positions respectively in the Hugh O'Brien District; the transfers to date from Sept. 1, 1887.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Helen M. Hills, second assistant; M. Louise Foster and Mary W. Currier, third assistants on probation; Elizabeth R. Wallis, second assistant, Primary School; Annie W. Ford, Addie J. Callender, Matilda Mitchell, fourth assistants, — to the same positions respectively in the Hugh O'Brien District; the transfers to date from Sept. 1, 1887.

Lewis District. — Ellen F. A. Hagerty, third assistant on probation, to the same position in the Hugh O'Brien District; the transfer to date from Sept. 1, 1887.

Stoughton District. — Cornelia M. Collamore, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district; the transfer to date from Sept. 1, 1887.

Accepted.

Report Joint Committee on Nominations and Second Division; principal of Frothingham District.

Mr. Porter, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Second Division, reported the following unanimous nomination for the position of principal of the Frothingham District: William B. Atwood, master, to date from Sept. 7, 1887.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Frothingham District.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Porter, Swasey, and Griffin a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

William B. Atwood elected principal of the Frothingham District.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 16; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. William B. Atwood had 16 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of

the Frothingham District, with the rank of master, to date from Sept. 7, 1887.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the male teachers of the day schools be allowed to teach in the evening schools during the term of 1887-88.

Male teachers in day schools allowed to teach in evening schools.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated for election the following-named principals of the evening schools, for the term 1887-88; the term of service of the principals herein nominated to date from Sept. 26, 1887: —

Election of principals of evening schools.

Evening High School. — Isaac F. Paul, head-master.

Anderson-st. School. — John R. Morse.

Bigelow School. — George Oak.

Comins School. — Augustine L. Rafter.

Dearborn School. — William H. Brown.

Eliot School. — Harvey L. Boutwell.

Franklin School. — William H. Martin.

Lincoln School. — Alonzo G. Ham.

Lyman School. — Henry B. Hall.

Quincy School. — Seth P. Smith.

Sherwin School. — Moses Berger.

Warren School. — George G. Pratt.

Warrenton-st. School. — Eber R. Butler.

Wells School. — Charles E. Hussey.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot for principals of evening schools.

Ballot for principals of evening schools.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Porter, Swasey, and Griffin a committee to receive, sort, and count votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 17; necessary for a choice under the rule 13.

The several principals nominated by the committee had each 17 votes, and were accordingly declared elected principals of the designated evening schools.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved: —

Anna E. Somes.

Charlestown High School. — Anna E. Somes, assistant, until Dec. 1, 1887; Annabel Stetson, substitute.

Ella L. Burbank.

Brimmer District. — Ella L. Burbank, second assistant, until Dec. 1, 1887; Mary E. O'Leary, substitute.

Annie C. Murdock.

Prince District. — Annie C. Murdock, third assistant, until Dec. 1, 1887; E. Isabelle Bense, substitute.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Salary of Albert P. Walker.

Ordered, That Albert P. Walker, junior-master in the English High School, be placed upon the third year of service in his grade, to date from Sept. 12, 1887.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Committee on High Schools authorized to employ Charles P. Lebon as junior-master.

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to employ Charles P. Lebon as junior-master in the English High School, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Alterations in Roxbury High School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make necessary alterations in the Roxbury High School-house, as soon as possible.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the morning session of the Martin School close at 11.40 o'clock, and that there be no recess.

Morning session, Martin School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish additional school-room accommodations for the pupils of the Lincoln District.

Additional school accommodations in the Lincoln District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a six-room Primary School-house in the Bunker Hill School District.

New Primary School-house, Bunker Hill District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Eliot, for the Committee on Horace Mann School, reported the resignation of Hannah Merrill, assistant in that school, to take effect Sept. 1, 1887.

Resignation of Hannah Merrill.

Accepted.

Mr. Eliot, for the same committee, reported the nomination, on probation, of Ida H. Adams, assistant in the Horace Mann School, to date from Sept. 7, 1887.

Election of teacher in Horace Mann School.

Accepted.

Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, reported the death of Edith H. Sumner, late fourth assistant in the Charles Sumner District.

Death of Edith H. Sumner.

Placed on file.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — June 14 — an order concerning desks for the Harvard School, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on School-houses; desks for Harvard School. (See page 101.)

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to place platform desks in the submaster's room in the Harvard School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 27, 1887.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Crowley, Darling, Elliott, Gallagher, Lasker, and Roeth.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of the Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Bowdoin District. — Josephine O. Hedrick and Mary S. Hosmer, fourth assistants, Sept. 1, 1887.

Eliot District. — Mary E. Barrett, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1887.

Dillaway District. — Josephine A. Keniston, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1887.

Hyde District. — Sarah R. Bonney, second assistant, Oct. 1, 1887.

Sherwin District. — Ester Fletcher, third assistant, Oct. 3, 1887.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Harris District. — Anna E. Lanning, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Lowell District. — Fannie E. Merriam, from Sept. 20, 1887, Clara I. Stevens, from Sept. 26, 1887.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Girls' Latin School. — Florence Dix, assistant, from Sept. 7 to 12, 1887, inclusive.

Dorchester High School. — Mary A. H. Fuller, Mary A. Tenney, assistants, from Sept. 20 and 26, 1887, respectively.

English High School. — Harry C. Shaw, J. Norton Johnson, junior-masters, from Sept. 13 and 14, 1887, respectively.

Girls' High School. — Florence Dix, assistant, from Sept. 19, 1887.

West Roxbury High School. — Clarabel Gilman, assistant, from Sept. 12, 1887.

Dor.-Everett School. — Lucy G. Flusk, fourth assistant, from Sept. 26, 1887.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Latin School. — George E. Howes, junior-master, from Sept. 19, 1887.

English High School. — Charles P. Lebon, junior-master, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Bowdoin District. — Mary E. O'Leary, Mary E. Abercrombie, fourth assistants, from Sept. 20 and Oct. 3, 1887, respectively.

Eliot District. — Genevieve C. Roach, third assistant, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Gibson District. — Elinor F. Decatur, fourth assistant, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Harris District. — Mary E. Tuttle, third assistant, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Hyde District. — Ester Fletcher, second assistant, from Oct. 3, 1887.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Hancock District. — Katherine E. Gillespie, third assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Lawrence District. — Annie L. Treanor, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS OF TEACHERS.

Dorchester High School. — Josiah P. Ryder, assistant, on probation, to the same position in the East Boston High School, the transfer to date from Sept. 19, 1887. Transfers of teachers.

Rice District. — Gertrude E. Bigelow, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from Sept. 1, 1887.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, it was

Ordered, That the date of the beginning of service of Charles F. King, master of the Dearborn School, be Sept. 7, 1887. Beginning of services of master of Dearborn School.

Upon the recommendations of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: — Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Bowdoin District. — Ella E. Morrill, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1888; M. Elizabeth McGinley, substitute. Ella E. Morrill.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Emma M. Savil, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1888. Emma M. Savil.

Eliot District. — Clara A. Newell, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1888; Sylvia A. Richards, substitute. Clara A. Newell.

Gibson District. — Ella S. Wales, second assistant, until Jan. 1, 1888; Elizabeth L. B. Stearns, substitute. Ella S. Wales.

Sophia L. Sherman.

Hancock District. — Sophia L. Sherman, third assistant, until Dec. 1, 1887; Margaret A. Nichols, substitute.

Ettie L. Deuel.

Hyde District. — Ettie L. Deuel, third assistant, until Dec. 1, 1887; Grace M. Clark, substitute.

Susan A. Dutton.

Lewis District. — Susan A. Dutton, third assistant, until Dec. 1, 1887; Mary E. Howard, substitute.

Susan G. B. Garland.

Lowell District. — Susan G. B. Garland, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1888; Helen C. Laughlin, substitute.

J. Annie Bense. Lucy J. Dunnels.

Mather District. — J. Annie Bense, first assistant, Lucy J. Dunnels, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1888.

Maria L. Young.

Hyde School. — Maria L. Young, sewing-teacher, until Jan. 1, 1888; Margaret A. Kelley, substitute.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Drill-hall accommodations for East Boston High School.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide drill-hall accommodations for the use of the East Boston High School.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, it was

Sauveur's Petites Causeries; use of extended. (See pp. 89, 95.)

Ordered, That the use of Sauveur's Petites Causeries be authorized for the present year in the Charlestown and West Roxbury High Schools, in addition to the Roxbury High School.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Passage-way; Dillaway School-house. [See pp. 55, 74.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase land to provide a suitable passage-way from Washington street to the Dillaway School-house.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remove two trees in front of the Dillaway School-house.

Removal of trees in front of Dillaway School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Hall, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported the nominations of the following-named instructors of Evening Drawing Schools, for the term of 1887–88: —

Election of Instructors of Evening Drawing Schools.

Masters. — George H. Bartlett, George Jepson.

Head Assistants. — Charles L. Adams, Henry K. Burrison, Anson K. Cross, Frank H. Collins.

Assistants. — Annie E. Blake, Emma W. Bragdon, Wallace Byrant, John L. Frisbee, Florence Cleaves, Thomas E. Sweeney, Frank S. Mason, Edward R. Kingsbury, William L. Skinner, Albert L. Ware, Ralph W. Allen, Alice Spaulding, Abbie E. Rice, Herbert W. Adams.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, it was

Ordered, That Suggestions for the Guidance of Teachers, prepared by the Director of Modern Languages, be referred to the Committee on High Schools, with authority to have the same printed for the use of the teachers of French and German in the High Schools.

Suggestions to teachers of French and German.

The Chair read a petition, signed by Erdmann Banch and others, residents of Ward 23, relative to the location of a new school-house at West Roxbury.

Petition relative to location of a new school-house at West Roxbury.

Referred to the committee on the Eighth Division.

Mr. Canning, for the Committee on Sewing, reported the resignation of Mrs. Anna J. Goodwin, sewing-teacher, to take effect Sept. 1, 1887.

Resignation of a sewing-teacher.

Accepted.

Election of a sewing-teacher.

Mr. Canning, for the same committee, reported the nomination of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Power, sewing-teacher, to fill a vacancy, to date from Oct. 1, 1887.

Accepted.

Report of the Committee on the Third Division; request for surrender of Chardon-court School-house to the City Council. (See page 111.)

Mr. Eliot, for the Committee on the Third Division, to whom was referred — Sept. 13 — the request that the Chardon-court Primary School-house be surrendered to the City Council, reported that there are three primary classes located in the building, and that it is needed, for the present at least, for school purposes. Your committee therefore recommend that the building be not surrendered to the City Council, as requested.

Accepted.

Reports of Committee on School-houses; steam-heating apparatus for Harvard Primary School-house. (See page 73.)

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — April 26 — an order concerning steam-heating apparatus for the Harvard Primary School-house, reported that, the matter having been attended to, no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

Improvements in Comins and Phillips-street School-houses. (See page 79.) Additional accommodations for Thetford-ave. School. (See page 101.)

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom were referred, with full powers, — May 10 and June 14, — orders relative to improvements in the Comins and Phillips-street School-houses, and additional accommodations for the Thetford-avenue School, reported that the orders had been approved by the committee and forwarded to the City Council.

Accepted.

Appropriations and expenditures.

Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

Office of Accounts, Mason St., Sept. 22, 1887.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations, as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred to date, being six months' payments of the present financial year.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1887–88.	October Draft.	Expenditures, 6 months, 1887–88.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,242,088 00	$97,963 12	$593,899 96	$648,188 04
Salaries, Officers . . .	57,760 00	4,818 34	28,518 00	29,242 00
School Ex. Salaries, Janitors .	240,000 00	7,760 00	49,238 82	92,467 29
School Ex. Fuel, Gas, Water .		20,741 29	49,977 07	
School Ex. Books, Supplies, Manual Training, and other Expenses		6,277 93	48,313 82	
Totals	$1,539,848 00	$137,560 68	$769,950 67	$769,897 33

The expenses for the corresponding six months of last year were as follows: —

Salaries of Instructors	$581,805 25
Salaries of Officers	28,836 67
School Ex. Salaries of Janitors	43,589 36
School Ex. Fuel, Gas, and Water	40,615 19
School Ex. Books, Supplies, Manual Training, and other Expenses	47,778 86
A total expenditure of	$742,625 33

The expenditures for the past six months, as compared with the corresponding time last year, show an increase of $27,325.34.

For the Committee on Accounts,

WM. C. WILLIAMSON,

Chairman.

Placed on file.

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of Albert P. Walker. (See page 118.)

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Sept. 13 — an order concerning the salary of Albert P. Walker, junior-master in the English High School, reported that it was necessary to secure the services of a man whose ability and successful experience as a teacher should enable him to continue the late Mr. Anderson's work in the school. In the judgment of the Committee on High Schools, and the head-master of the school, it would have been impossible to find a

young, inexperienced teacher to whom this work could have been given. Mr. Walker was selected as one who possessed the necessary qualifications for the position; but, as he was receiving a salary of $1200, with a prospect of an increase soon, as principal of a high school in a neighboring town, he was unwilling to accept the position offered him for a less salary than that he was receiving. The Committee on High Schools felt justified in asking that he be placed on the third year of service in his grade. Your committee are of the opinion that the best interests of the city and the schools will be secured by granting the request, and they recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Albert P. Walker, junior-master in the English High School, be placed upon the third year of service in his grade, to date from Sept. 12, 1887.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Repairs in basements of Hyde and Joshua Bates School-houses.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make necessary repairs in the basements of the Hyde and Joshua Bates school-houses.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Oct. 11, 1887.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School-Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Blake, Crowley, Dunn, Elliott, Hall, Roeth, and Swasey.

On motion of Mr. Griffin, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, offered the following: — Reports of the Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Bennett District. — Belle K. Sanger, fourth assistant, Oct. 1, 1887.

Charles Sumner District. — Sallie B. Tripp, fourth assistant, Oct. 3, 1887.

Dearborn District. — Emma J. Backup, fourth assistant, Oct. 1, 1887.

Lawrence District. — Egbert M. Chesley, submaster, Sept. 15, 1887.

Shurtleff District. — Mary E. O'Connor, fourth assistant, Oct. 1, 1887.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS — PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Bennett District. — Eva M. Cotton, from Sept. 27, 1887.

Hancock District. — Margaret Cunningham, from Oct. 5, 1887.

Lyman District. — Lena E. Synette, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Norcross District. — Helen E. Hobbs, from Sept. 19, 1887; Isabella J. Murray, from Sept. 21, 1887.

Phillips District. — Matilda J. Kennemon, from Oct. 6, 1887.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Roxbury High School. — Persis P. Drake and Nellie A. Bragg, assistants, from Sept. 22, 1887, and Sept. 30, 1887, respectively.

Bennett District. — Leslie D. Hooper, fourth assistant, from Oct. 3, 1887.

Bowdoin District. — Agnes C. Moore, Mary E. Smith, fourth assistants, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Charles Sumner District. — Mary E. Connor, fourth assistant, from Oct. 3, 1887.

Dudley District. — Lucy G. M. Card, fourth assistant, from Oct. 10, 1887.

Eliot District. — Catherine J. Cunningham, third assistant, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Hillside District. — Mary E. McDonald, fourth assistant, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Rice District. — Miriam W. Dike, fourth assistant, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Wells District. — Emma F. Cogan, third assistant, from Sept. 9, 1887; Sarah A. Atwood, third assistant, from Sept. 26, 1887, to Oct. 14, 1887, inclusive.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Dor. High School. — Albert S. Perkins, assistant, sixth year, from Oct. 10, 1887.

Hyde District. — Carrie M. Bayley, fourth assistant, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Shurtleff District. — Catherine E. McDonald, fourth assistant, from Oct. 3, 1887.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Charlestown High School. — Mary E. Upham, assistant.

Allston District. — Alexander Pearson, first assistant; Marion Keith, second assistant; Annie E. Bancroft, third assistant; Gertrude R. Clark, fourth assistant.

Andrew District. — Mary E. Perkins, second assistant.

Bigelow District. — Cara W. Hanscom, third assistant.

Comins District. — Sarah E. Lovell, first assistant.

Dillaway District. — Catherine J. Finneran, second assistant; Cordelia G. Torrey, third assistant.

Harris District. — Cora I. Young, third assistant.

Hyde District. — Ettie L. Deuel, third assistant.

Lowell District. — Mary E. Very, second assistant; Ella F. Howland, fourth assistant.

Martin District. — Edward W. Schuerch, submaster; Anna F. Bayley, third assistant.

Mather District. — Della G. Robinson, second assistant; Ada K. Richards, second assistant, primary school; Mary E. Bradley, fourth assistant.

Shurtleff District. — Lucy A. Dunham, second assistant, primary school; Lottie B. Lucas, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Dearborn District. — Mary M. Sherwin, second assistant, primary school; Sarah S. Burrell, Mary

T. Cunningham, Abby S. Oliver, Emily M. Pevear, Bridget E. Scanlan, fourth assistants, to the same positions, respectively, in the Hugh O'Brien District, the transfers to date from Oct. 1, 1887.

Dudley District. — S. Louise Durant, fourth assistant, to the same position in the Charles Sumner District, the transfer to date from Oct. 10, 1887.

Lewis District. — Adaline Beal, Eloise B. Wallcott, fourth assistants, to the same positions respectively in the Hugh O'Brien District, the transfers to date from Oct. 1, 1887.

Accepted.

Election of instructors of Evening Schools.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations of assistants in the Evening High and the Evening Elementary Schools for the term of 1887–88 : —

Evening High School. — Albert Poor, Arthur B. Morong, Thomas Dean, Manson Seavy, Charles E. Stetson, Maurice P. White, and Frank M. Copeland, from Sept. 26, 1887 ; William H. Moriarty, from Oct. 3, 1887 ; Edward A. Wilkie, from Oct. 4, 1887. *Instructor of German,* — John F. Stein, from Oct. 5, 1887. *Instructors of French,* — Carl Jonsen, Henri Morand, from Oct. 6, 1887. Thomas J. Barry, clerk, from Sept. 26, 1887.

Anderson-street School. — Sarah E. Stumpf, Elizabeth N. Smith, from Sept. 26, 1887 ; Jane C. Levi, from Sept. 28, 1887.

Bigelow School. — Mary A. Tenney, Elinor F. Buckley, Catherine E. McDonald, Mary Currie, from Sept. 26, 1887 ; Mary F. O'Brien, Caroline M. Walsh, from Sept. 27, 1887 ; Isabella J. Murray, Winifred M. Clarkson, Walter H. Russell, from Sept. 28, 1887.

Comins School. — Frederic W. Elliott, Sylvia A.

Richards, from Sept. 26, 1887; Rose E. Conaty, Mary A. Brennan, Ellen M. Farrell, Marian A. McIntyre, John J. Sheehan, from Sept. 28, 1887.

Dearborn School. — Emma L. Merrill, John S. Richardson, F. Morton King, from Sept. 26, 1887; Martha T. O'Hea, from Sept. 28, 1887.

Eliot School. — Daniel J. Mullen, Margaret Coyle, Agnes C. Moore, M. Elizabeth McGinley, Sidney E. Bailey, from Sept. 26, 1887; Mary L. Lewis, from Oct. 3, 1887.

Franklin School. — Fanny L. Rogers, Elizabeth E. O'Connell, George B. Buffington, Frances V. Keyes, from Sept. 26, 1887; Ervinia Thompson, Jeremiah G. Foley, from Sept. 28, 1887; James Burrier, from Sept. 29, 1887; Maria H. Lathrop, from Sept. 30, 1887; Persis E. King, from Oct. 3, 1887; Esther E. McGrath, from Oct. 4, 1887.

Lincoln School. — Nellie S. Henry, S. Louella Sweeney, S. Josephine Lavery, from Sept. 26, 1887; Anastasia G. Hyde, from Sept. 27, 1887; Samuel W. Clarke, from Sept. 29, 1887; Florence K. Manson, from Oct. 4, 1887.

Lyman School. — M. A. D. Maclean, Mary E. Thompson, Jessie C. Fraser, Julia F. Holland, Martha S. Harding, Emma M. Bates, from Sept. 28, 1887; William A. Lenihan, from Oct. 6, 1887.

Quincy School. — Elmer G. Derby, M. Ella Wilbor, John O'Driscoll, from Sept. 26, 1887; Ellen L. Kelley, Mary P. Howland, Ruphine A. Morris, from Sept. 27, 1887.

Sherwin School. — George R. Keene, Emma H. Nye, from Sept. 26, 1887.

Warren School. — Benson B. Banker, Lucy M. Bosworth, Emma S. Fisk, Anna G. Wells, Mary A.

Mahan, Katharine A. McMahon, from Sept. 26, 1887; Caroline J. Duff, Katharine A. Sweency, from Sept. 27, 1887; Catherine J. Cunningham, Agnes A. Herlihy, from Sept. 28, 1887; Margaret A. Nichols, Elizabeth G. Desmond, from Sept. 29, 1887; Emma L. Mitchell, from Oct. 4, 1887.

Warrenton-street School. — John L. Emmons, from Sept. 28, 1887; Samuel Weltch, Annie Nichols, from Sept. 29, 1887.

Wells School. — Alanson H. Mayers, Mary W. Perry, from Sept. 26, 1887; Ernest W. Branch, Katharine A. Burns, Mary E. Smith, from Sept. 28, 1887; Ida A. Merriam, from Sept. 29, 1887; Angie C. Damon, from Oct. 3, 1887.

Rules suspended.

The rules were suspended, the report was accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Edna F. Calder.

West Roxbury High School. — Edna F. Calder, assistant, until Nov. 1, 1887; Mary A. Tenney, substitute.

James Burrier, substitute.

Brimmer District. — James Burrier, substitute for Ella L. Burbank, second assistant, granted leave of absence until Dec. 1, 1887.

Susan F. Rowe.

Dearborn District. — Susan F. Rowe, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1888; Blanche L. Ormsby, substitute.

Isabella M. Harmon.

Franklin District. — Isabella M. Harmon, first assistant, until Jan. 1, 1888; M. Alice Kimball, substitute.

Elizabeth A. Prichard.

Harvard District. — Elizabeth A. Prichard, fourth assistant, until Dec. 1, 1887; Agnes A. Herlihy, substitute.

Mather District. — E. Isabelle Bense, substitute for Lucy J. Dunnels, third assistant, granted leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1888.

E. Isabelle Bense, substitute.

Rice District. — Emma L. Wyman, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1888; Agnes B. Hudson, substitute.

Emma L. Wyman.

Warren District. — Abby P. Richardson, fourth assistant, until Dec. 1, 1887; Katie T. Brooks, substitute. Cora A. Wiley, fourth assistant, until Dec. 1, 1887; Elizabeth G. Desmond, substitute.

Abby P. Richardson; Cora A. Wiley.

Wells District. — Adelaide A. Rea, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1888; Mary E. Smith, substitute.

Adelaide A. Rea.

The chair presented a petition of Cook & Crayton, asking permission to photograph the pupils of such of the public schools in classes, where such photographs are desired.

Petition of Cook & Crayton for permission to photograph pupils in classes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Mary E. Abercrombie, fourth assistant in the Bowdoin District, be placed upon the third year of service in her grade, to date from Oct. 3, 1887.

Salary of Mary E. Abercrombie.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the salary of the clerk of the Evening High School be at the rate of four dollars per night, to date from Sept. 26, 1887; the same to be in full for all services required of him by both the Committee on Evening Schools and the Committee on Supplies.

Salary of clerk of Evening High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, who were instructed — June 14 — to report amendments to the Rules and Regulations, so as to provide that there shall be a Committee on Drawing and

Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations; Committee on Drawing and Music. (See page 99.)

a Committee on Music, which committees when appointed shall have general supervision of the branches of instruction, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows: —

SECT. 2. Strike out the word "and" between the words "drawing" and "music," and insert in place thereof a semicolon.

SECT. 48. Strike out the section, and substitute the following: —

"SECT. 48. The Committee on Drawing shall have the general supervision of this branch of instruction in all the schools. At the second meeting in March, or when a vacancy occurs, they shall nominate to the Board a suitable person for the position of Director of Drawing. At the first meeting in September they shall nominate to the Board the teachers for the Evening Drawing Schools. They shall report to the Board, in writing, in September.

"The Committee on Music shall have the general supervision of this branch of instruction in all the schools. At the second meeting in March, or when vacancies occur, they shall nominate to the Board for election the special teachers of music. They shall report to the Board in writing in September."

SECT. 203. Strike out the word "committee" in the third line, and insert in place thereof the word "committees."

SECT. 291. Strike out the word "committee" in the last line but one, and insert in place thereof the word "committees."

SECT. 352. Strike out the words "and music."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide a sidewalk on Columbia street, from the Atherton School-house to Washington street.

Sidewalk on Columbia street, Dorchester.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, reported that they have examined the plans for the new building for the Roxbury High School. The opinion of the Superintendent of Schools approving said plans has been received by the committee. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Report of the Committee on School-houses; approval of plans of new building for Roxbury High School.

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be authorized to approve the plans fort he new building for the Roxbury High School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee of the Sixth Division, presented the following report: —

Report of the Committee on Sixth Division; school accommodations in South Boston.

There is great lack of school-room accommodation in this district; during the last four years the committee have made frequent and persistent application to the City Council for additional school-room accommodations, and their requests have been hitherto virtually ignored.

Your committee have no power. The School Board has no authority of law to provide for our children school-room accommodation. All we can do under the law is to ask the City Council to furnish it. That we have faithfully done our duty in the matter will, I am sure, clearly appear from the following orders, which we have from time to time offered in this Board, and which have been promptly transmitted to the City Council: —

Feb. 12, 1884. "*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide additional Primary School accommodations in the Gaston and Lincoln Districts." The order was referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers. March 11, 1884. — The Committee on School-houses reported that the order had been forwarded to the City Council.

May 29, 1884. "*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to furnish additional Grammar and Primary School accommodations in

the Bigelow and Shurtleff Districts." Referred to the Committee on School-houses. Sept. 23, 1884. — The Committee on School-houses reported in favor of the order, and the order was passed and forwarded to the City Council.

Feb. 10, 1885. "*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to furnish additional Primary School accommodations in the Lincoln District." Referred to the Committee on School-houses. March 24, 1885. — The Committee on School-houses reported that the following order ought to pass: —

"*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to erect an eight or ten room school-house on Fifth street, near G street, South Boston, for the accommodation of Grammar and Primary School pupils." The order was passed and sent to the City Council.

Feb. 9, 1886. "*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide additional Grammar and Primary School accommodations in the Lincoln, Bigelow, and Shurtleff Districts." This order was passed under a suspension of the rules and forwarded to the City Council.

Oct. 26, 1886. "*Ordered*, That the City Council be again requested to furnish additional Grammar and Primary School accommodations in the Lincoln, Shurtleff, and Bigelow Districts." Passed under a suspension of the rules and forwarded to the City Council.

Sept. 13, 1887. "*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to furnish additional school-room accommodations for the pupils of the Lincoln District." This order was also passed under a suspension of the rules and forwarded to the City Council.

Notwithstanding all these orders offered by the Sixth Division Committee, passed by this Board, and regularly forwarded to the City Council, there are to-day about one hundred pupils in the Lincoln District receiving half-time instruction only, for want of the necessary school-room accommodation. Besides, there is one large class in the school-hall, thereby greatly interfering with the musical instruction in the school. Another class is forced to receive instruction in the *basement* of the Hawes-place Church. In the Bigelow District there are two primary classes over the court-room in the engine-house on Fourth and Dorchester streets, — a place utterly unfit for children. The Gaston School, even before it was burned, was compelled to have one of its classes in a miserable, little, dark, and ill-ventilated chapel on L street. When all the rooms of this school are rebuilt they will be still insufficient to accommodate all its pupils. The Shurtleff School is crowded to overflowing. Our citizens complain, and with good reason, because their children cannot have the school-room accommodation to which they are justly en-

titled. They even blame the School Committee, when, in fact, we have no power in the matter other than what we have done over and over and over again. To the City Council, and the City Council alone, belongs the responsibility. In view of these facts, your committee respectfully ask that a copy of this report and the accompanying orders be transmitted to the City Council.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect forthwith a suitable school-building for Grammar and Primary Schools, on the land recently purchased for that purpose in South Boston.

Ordered, That, for the temporary relief of the pupils now without school-room accommodation in the Lincoln and Gaston Schools, the Hawes-place Church, or some other suitable building, be leased by the city, and three or more rooms be fitted up as soon as possible for school purposes.

Ordered, That a copy of the foregoing report and orders be transmitted to the City Council.

Accepted and the orders passed under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Althea W. Somes, instructor in the Schools of Cookery, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Sept. 26, 1887, under the provisions of Section 88 of the Rules. Salary of Althea W. Somes.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That a strip of land, four feet wide, in all sixty square feet, in the rear portion of the lot of the Phillips-street School-house, Roxbury, be surrendered to the City Council. Portion of lot of Phillips-street School-house surrendered to the City Council.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Resignation of a teacher of Horace Mann School.

Mr. Eliot, for the Committee on Horace Mann School, reported the resignation of Martha F. Metcalf, assistant in that school, to take effect Oct 1, 1887.

Accepted.

Election of a teacher of Horace Mann School.

Mr. Eliot, for the same committee, reported the nomination, on probation, of Sallie B. Tripp, assistant in that school, to date from Oct. 3, 1887.

Accepted.

Mr. Hyde offered the following: —

Dismissal of schools in afternoon on account of stormy weather.

Ordered, That no principal of a Grammar School shall dismiss any class or classes of his district for the afternoon, on account of stormy weather, when the signal for one session, provided for in the Regulations, is not given, unless he has received the authority from this Board to do so.

Statement of Supt. of Schools.

The Superintendent of Schools, being called upon, stated that at one time the principals of the Eighth Division had authority from the Division Committee to dismiss the schools for the afternoon on stormy days when such a course would, in their judgment, be best for the pupils, even though the signal for one session was not given. It was probable, therefore, if any master had dismissed school it was under the presumed authority given by the committee of a few years ago, and which, in the absence of information to the contrary, the principals probably considered still in force. The Superintendent stated further, that in such districts as West Roxbury and Brighton it might be desirable not to require pupils to return to school in the afternoon on certain days when no signal is given, owing to the condition of the sidewalks and roads.

On motion of Mr. Eliot, the order was referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division, with full powers.

Report of the Committee on

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Eighth Division,

to whom was referred — Sept. 27 — a petition signed by Erdmann Bauch and others, residents of Ward 23, relative to the location of a new school-house in West Roxbury, reported that, while the committee believe that sometime in the future a school-house may be needed in the vicinity of the location suggested in the petition, the present pressing needs for school accommodations in other parts of the city deserve the immediate attention of the City Council. The committee are of the opinion that no further action on the matter referred is needed at this time.

the Eighth Division; petition relative to location of a new school-house in West Roxbury. [See page 125.]

Accepted.

Mr. Eliot, for the Committee on High Schools, reported the following: —

Ordered, That Emma W. Kaan, assistant in the Girls' High School, be placed upon the third year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 20, 1887.

Salary of Emma W. Kaan.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Oct. 25, 1887.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Elliott, Lasker, and Roeth.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Committees on Drawing and Music; Rules and Regulations amended. [See pp. 99, 135, 136.]

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows: —

Sect. 2. Strike out the word "and" between the words "drawing" and "music" and insert in place thereof a semicolon.

Sect. 48. Strike out the section, and substitute the following: —

"Sect. 48. The Committee on Drawing shall have the general supervision of this branch of instruction in all the schools. At the second meeting in March, or when a vacancy occurs, they shall nominate to the Board a suitable person for the position of Director of Drawing. At the first meeting in September they shall nominate to the Board the teachers for the Evening Drawing Schools. They shall report to the Board, in writing, in September.

"The Committee on Music shall have the general supervision of this branch of instruction in all the schools. At the second meeting in March, or when vacancies occur, they shall nominate to the Board for election the

special teachers of music. They shall report to the Board, in writing, in September."

SECT. 203. Strike out the word "committee" in the third line, and insert in place thereof the word "committees."

SECT. 291. Strike out the word "committee" in the last line but one, and insert in place thereof the word "committees."

SECT. 352. Strike out the words "and music."

Passed.

Appointment of committees.

The Chair appointed the following committees: —

Committee on Drawing. — Charles T. Gallagher, Chairman; Francis A. Walker, Raphael Lasker, Bordman Hall, and James A. McDonald.

Committee on Music. — Gerald Griffin, Chairman; Samuel Eliot, Henry Canning, William C. Williamson, William A. Dunn.

Approved.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Andrew District. — Estelle B. Jenkins, fourth assistant, Nov. 1, 1887.

Bennett District. — Lily B. Atherton, second assistant, Oct. 10, 1887.

Chapman District. — Maria A. Arnold, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1887.

Gaston District. — Julia A. Evans, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1887.

Gibson District. — Caroline A. Shepard, third assistant, Nov. 1, 1887.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Mary T. Cunningham, fourth assistant, Oct. 20, 1887.

Lowell District. — Anna L. Hudson, third assistant, Sept. 26, 1887.

Prescott District. — Emma M. Gregory, fourth assistant, Oct. 1, 1887.

Warren District. — Agnes G. Harrington, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1887.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Hancock District. — Mary A. Mahan, from Oct. 5, 1887.

Mather District. — Anna E. Lanning, from Oct. 11, 1887.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Bennett District. — Mary M. Clapp, second assistant, from Oct. 12, 1887.

Charles Sumner District. — Kate F. Hobart, fourth assistant, from Sept. 22, 1887.

Dearborn District. — Ida F. Taylor, first assistant, from Sept. 29 to Oct. 10, 1887; Margaret T. Dooley, third assistant, from Sept. 19, 1887; Emma L. Merrill, fourth assistant, from Oct. 3, 1887.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Bertha F. Cudworth, third assistant, Sept. 14 to 21, 1887, inclusive; Agnes A. Watson, fourth assistant, from Oct. 20, 1887.

Prescott District. — Ruphine A. Morris, fourth assistant, from Sept. 7 to Oct. 1, 1887.

Sherwin District. — Rose E. Conaty, third assistant, from Oct. 3, 1887.

Stoughton District. — Mary P. Howland, third assistant, from Oct. 12, 1887.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Andrew District. — Caroline M. Walsh, fourth assistant, from Nov. 1, 1887.

Dillaway District. — Elizabeth M. Blackburn, third assistant, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Lowell District. — Anna L. Hudson, second assistant, from September 26, 1887.

Prescott District. — Ruphine A. Morris, fourth assistant, from Oct. 3, 1887; Lizzie Simpson, fourth assistant, from Oct. 3, 1887.

Warren District. — Katharine A. Sweeney, third assistant, from Oct. 3, 1887.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of a teacher.

Mt. Vernon District. — Mary C. Richards, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Dearborn District. — Esther M. Meserve, third assistant, to the same position in the Hugh O'Brien District, the transfer to date from Oct. 1, 1887.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of teachers in the evening schools.

Evening High School. — Assistants: James W. Webster, Lewis H. Dutton, Sylvester Brown, Emil C. Pfeiffer, from Oct. 10, 1887; Benjamin Tenney, John C. Ryder, W. H. Knight, from Oct. 12, 1887. Instructors in Penmanship: Charles A. French, Henry C. Kendall, from Oct. 10, 1887; Arthur T. Whittemore, from Oct. 11, 1887.

Eliot School. — Assistants: Matilda J. Kennemon, from Oct. 6, 1887; Margaret A. M. O'Dowd, from

Oct. 17, 1887; Catherine J. Cunningham, Agnes G. Flanagan, from Oct. 18, 1887; Alice M. Smith, from Oct. 20, 1887.

Lincoln School. — Mary M. Clapp, assistant, from Oct. 4, 1887.

Lyman School. — Mabel F. A. Woodbury, assistant, from Sept. 28, 1887.

Sherwin School. — Helene H. Boll, assistant, from Oct. 10, 1887.

The rules were suspended, the report was accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Porter, for the same committee, reported the following nominations of teachers on probation: —

Report of Committee on Nominations; nominations of Lily B. Atherton and James E. Hayes.

Dearborn District. — Lily B. Atherton, first assistant, from Oct. 10, 1887.

Frothingham District. — James E. Hayes, sub-master, from Sept. 7, 1887.

In presenting the above nominations the committee reported that Section 226, paragraph 8, of the Regulations, provides that —

"The Regulations which fix the rank of teachers any school is entitled to shall not be held to require the reduction in rank of any regularly confirmed teacher who has been nominated for reëlection, to serve in the same school in which he is already serving, except as hereinafter provided. Whenever it shall appear that the rank of a regularly confirmed teacher serving in any school is higher than the number of pupils in said school would allow by the Regulations strictly applied, the Committee on Nominations shall, at the first opportunity, propose a transfer of such teacher to a school in which a suitable vacancy exists; and all proposals of transfer so made shall be acted on by the Board before the vacancy is filled in any other way. A teacher declining to be so transferred may thereupon be reduced in rank, as required by the Regulations."

At the last annual election there were several teachers elected under the authority of this section, one of whom was a sub-master and one a first assistant. It became the duty of this committee when vacancies occurred in such ranks in other schools to propose the transfers of these teachers before the vacancies were filled in any

other way. When the nominations herein presented were reported to this committee, it was ascertained that the persons nominated had been placed in their positions by the committees in charge, and had been serving for some time in them. One of the nominees had resigned his position elsewhere to accept that which he now occupies; the other nominee resigned her position, of a lower rank in another school, and the position has since been filled. It was, therefore, impracticable for the Committee on Nominations to propose any transfer of teachers as provided for by the Regulations. This committee is not aware of vacancies in the schools, usually, until such vacancies have been filled and the incumbents nominated. In the judgment of this committee no satisfactory results can be effected under the present Regulations. The responsibility of considering the transfer of teachers elected under the section above quoted should rest with the real appointing power, — the committee in charge.

Your committee recommend that the nominations herein reported be confirmed under a suspension of the rules, and that the following order be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, That Section 226, paragraph 8, of the Regulations be ramended by striking out all after the words "hereinafter provided," in the seventh and eighth lines, and inserting in place thereof the following words: "Immediately after the annual election a list of teachers in service with ranks higher than the number of pupils in the schools would allow by the Regulations strictly applied, if there be any such, shall be sent to the committees in charge. When vacancies occur in such ranks the committees in charge shall consider the transfer of these teachers before the vacancies are filled in any other way. A teacher declining to be so transferred may thereupon be reduced in rank, as required by the Regulations."

Rules suspended.

The rules were suspended.

The report was accepted, the nominations confirmed, and the order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Election of teachers of Evening Drawing Schools.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing, reported the nomination of the following-named assistants of Evening Drawing Schools: —

Assistants. — W. Bertha Hintz, Anna K. Blaisdell, to date from Oct. 17, 1887.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

On the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Adams District. — Ellenette Pillsbury, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1888; Mrs. M. A. D. McLean, substitute.

Ellenette Pillsbury.

Chapman District. — Carrie M. Locke, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1888; Mary C. Hall, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1888; Mary E. Sullivan, substitute.

Carrie M. Locke. Mary C. Hall.

Dearborn District. — Ada L. McKean, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1888; Mary E. Connor, substitute.

Ada L. McKean.

Rice District. — Ella F. Wyman, second assistant, Primary School, until Jan. 1, 1888; Helen A. Woods, substitute.

Ella F. Wyman.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the use of the library of the English High School be granted to Dr. Alphonse N. van Daell, for lectures in French Literature to teachers and others, for nominal compensation, sufficient to cover the expenses.

Use of library of English High School granted to Alphonse N. van Daell.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Sidney E. Bailey be appointed temporary teacher of Physics in the Boys' Latin School, at a salary of thirty dollars per week; the term of service to begin Oct. 12, 1887.

Appointment of temporary teacher of Physics, Boys' Latin School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be instructed to issue certificates of service, special grade, assistants in the Warrenton-street Evening School, to William W.

Certificate of service to Wm. W. Locke and Mrs. Caroline M. Butler.

Locke and Mrs. Caroline M. Butler; the certificates to be dated Oct. 1, 1887.

Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations; nomination of teachers.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order relative to the nomination of teachers at the annual election, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate on the matter.

Accepted.

Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations; petition of Cook & Crayton for permission to photograph pupils in classes. [See page 135.]

Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 11 — the petition of Cook & Crayton asking for permission to take photographs of classes of public-school children, reported that, after consideration of the subject, the committee recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations; petition of graduates of Bridgewater State Normal School to amend Section 145 of the Regulations. [See page 64.]

Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 12 — the petition of graduates of the Bridgewater State Normal School, requesting that the Rules and Regulations be so amended as to allow graduates of that and the other State Normal Schools to take the examinations for certificates of qualification of the first grade, and to receive such certificates if found qualified, reported that the present Regulations require that all applicants for a first-grade certificate shall be graduates of colleges in good standing, or of institutions which confer degrees of a corresponding grade. In the judgment of this committee it is inexpedient to change the existing Regulations, and they recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following; —

Fence around Martin Schoolhouse.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to complete the fence around the yard of the Martin Schoolhouse.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase additional land for the enlargement of the yard of the Hugh O'Brien School-house.

Enlargement of yard of Hugh O'Brien School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That a strip of land, four feet wide and sixty feet long, in the rear portion of the yard of the Phillips-street School-house, Roxbury, be surrendered to the City Council; said strip being that portion of said lot which was intended to be surrendered by the order passed Oct. 11, 1887.

Portion of lot of Phillips-street School-house surrendered to the City Council. [See page 139.]

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom were referred — Jan. 13 — the suggestions on page 11 of the annual report of the Board of Supervisors for 1886, relative to courses of study, reported that no action on the part of this committee is needed at the present time.

Report of the Committee on Examinations; suggestions of Board of Supervisors relative to courses of study. [See page 11.]

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Ordered, That a new Grammar-school district be established in Dorchester, including the territory in the vicinity of the Thetford-avenue School-house.

New Grammar-school district established in Dorchester.

On motion of Mr. Porter, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be instructed to report, at the next meeting of the Board, district lines for the new Grammar-school district in Dorchester.

District lines for new Grammar-school district in Dorchester.

Mr. Porter, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Morning session of Gibson School.

Ordered, That during the months of November, December, and January the morning session of the Gibson School close at twenty minutes before twelve o'clock, and that there be no recess.

Referred to the Committee on Hygiene.

Petition for use of hall of Dorchester High School at recess.

Mr. Porter presented a petition, signed by Mamie G. Alden and fifty-five others, asking for the use of the hall of the Dorchester High School at recess.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools, with full powers.

Petition of Eliza M. Cleary for re-assignment of sewing-classes to her.

The Chair presented a petition of Eliza M. Cleary, sewing teacher, asking that certain classes of sewing in the Shurtleff School be re-assigned to her.

Referred to the Committee on Sewing.

Annual report of Board of Supervisors.

The Chair presented the annual report of the Board of Supervisors for 1887.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

Edition of annual report of Board of Supervisors.

Ordered, That sixteen hundred copies of the annual report of the Board of Supervisors for 1887 be printed.

Mr. Grainger, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following orders: —

Nominations of teachers.

Ordered, That Nellie F. Holt be appointed, on probation, fourth assistant in the Chapman district, to date from Sept. 7, 1887, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Maria A. Arnold.

Ordered, That Lena E. Synette be appointed, on probation, fourth assistant in the Lyman District, to date from Nov. 1, 1887.

Ordered, That Ada A. Spence be appointed a special assistant in the Adams District, from Sept. 21, 1887.

The orders were severally referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Grainger, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the First Division be authorized to appoint a temporary teacher for the school at Orient Heights, Emerson District.

Temporary teacher for school at Orient Heights.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Oct. 11 — an order that Mary E. Abercrombie, fourth assistant in the Bowdoin District, be placed on the third year of service in her grade, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of Mary E. Abercrombie. [See page 135.]

Mr. Darling moved to substitute the original order on page 135 for the report of the committee.

Lost.

The report of the committee was accepted.

Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 11 — an order that Emma W. Kaan, assistant in the Girls' High School, be placed on the third year of service in her grade, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of Emma W. Kaan. [See page 141.]

Accepted.

Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 11 — an order relative to the salary of Althea W. Somes, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Althea W. Somes. [See page 139.]

Ordered, That Althea W. Somes, instructor in the schools of cookery, be placed on the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Sept. 26, 1887, her previous service entitling her to the advanced salary, under Section 88 of the Rules.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Normal School, it was

Use of rooms in Appleton-street School-house granted to Horace Mann School.

Ordered, That two unoccupied rooms in the Appleton-street Primary School-house be granted for the use of the Horace Mann School.

Annual report of Committee on Horace Mann School.

Mr. Eliot, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, presented the annual report of that committee, which was accepted and ordered to be printed.

Report of Committee on School-houses; drill-hall accommodations for East Boston High School. [See page 124.]

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — Sept. 27 — an order relative to drill-hall accommodations for the East Boston High School, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide drill-hall accommodations for the use of the East Boston High School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Payment of salary due Edith H. Sumner.

Ordered, That the salary due Edith H. Sumner, deceased, late fourth assistant in the Charles Sumner District, be paid to her father, John R. Sumner.

Appropriations and expenditures.

Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement : —

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., Oct. 25, 1887.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred to date, being seven months' payments of the present financial year.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1887–88.	November Draft.	Expenditures, 7 months, 1887–88.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,242,088 00	$103,853 67	$697,753 63	$544,334 37
Salaries, Officers . . .	57,760 00	4,848 33	33,366 33	24,393 67
School Ex. Salaries, Janitors .	240,000 00	8,336 64	57,575 46	79,727 94
School Ex. Fuel, Gas, Water .		1,465 34	51,442 41	
School Ex. Books, Supplies, Manual Training, and other Expenses		2,937 37	51,254 19	
Totals	$1,539,848 00	$121,441 35	$891,392 02	$648,455 98

As compared with the corresponding time last year, Salaries (Instructors, Officers, and Janitors) increased	$19,401 47
Fuel, Gas, and Water increased	9,009 10
Books, Supplies, and Miscellaneous Expenses increased	50 02
Total increase in expenses for seven months . .	$28,460 59

For the Committee on Accounts,

WM. C. WILLIAMSON,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Nov. 8, 1887.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School-Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Crowley, Darling, Elliott, Fallon, Hall, McDonald, Swasey, and Williamson.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of the Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Dwight District. — Jennie E. Morse, third assistant, Nov. 1, 1887.

Gibson District. — Carrie L. Floyd, third assistant, Nov. 7, 1887.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Adams District. — Ada A. Spence, from Sept. 21, 1887.

Allston District. — Elizabeth C. Muldoon, from Oct. 3, 1887.

Franklin District. — Etta M. Smith, from Nov. 9, 1887.

Mather District. — Alice M. Smith, from Nov. 7, 1887.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Emerson District. — Mary E. Sullivan, third assistant, from Nov. 14, 1887.

Hancock District. — Margaret A. M. O'Dowd, third assistant, from Oct. 19, 1887.

Lowell District. — Fannie E. Merriam and Clara I. Stevens, fourth assistants, from Sept. 20 and Sept. 26, 1887, respectively.

Quincy District. — George S. Houghton, third assistant, from Sept. 12 to 14, 1887, inclusive; Clara B. Andrews, third assistant, from Sept. 15 to Nov. 1, 1887.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Bennett District. — Edwin F. Kimball, sub-master, from Nov. 21, 1887.

Chapman District. — Nellie F. Holt, fourth assistant, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Dwight District. — Alice P. Lord, third assistant, second year, from Nov. 1, 1887.

Gibson District. — Lizzie C. Estey and Elizabeth L. B. Stearns, third assistants, from Nov. 1 and Nov. 7, 1887, respectively.

Hillside District. — Alice M. Robinson, third assistant, from Nov. 1, 1887.

Lyman District. — Lena E. Synette, fourth assistant, from Nov. 1, 1887.

Rice District. — Miriam W. Dike, fourth assistant, from Sept. 12, 1887.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Comins District. — Marcella M. Ryan, fourth assistant.

Dor.-Everett District. — Henrietta A. Hill, second assistant.

George Putnam District. — Annie G. D. Ellis, third assistant.

Gibson District. — Lucina Dunbar, third assistant; Florence M. De Merritt, fourth assistant.

Lewis District. — Caroline F. Seaver, fourth assistant.

Martin District. — Nellie W. Leavitt, second assistant.

Accepted.

ASSISTANTS IN EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of instructors in evening schools.

Evening High School. — Instructors in Phonography. — Thornton Apollonio, from Oct. 10, 1887; C. Howard Montague, from Oct. 13, 1887.

Dearborn School. — Blanche L. Ormsby, from Oct. 12, 1887.

Eliot School. — Clara E. Fairbanks, from Oct. 31, 1887.

Franklin School. — Gustavus F. Guild, from Oct. 12, 1887; Nellie G. McElwain, from Oct. 21, 1887; Annie S. Hayward, from Oct. 25, 1887.

Lyman School. — Rufus Moulton, from Sept. 28, 1887.

Warrenton-street School. — William W. Locke, from Oct. 5, 1887; Caroline M. Butler, from Oct. 12, 1887.

Wells School. — Almira Bixby, from Oct. 6, 1887.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed, under a suspension of the rules.

New Grammar School in Dorchester, name of.

On motion of Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Ordered, That the new Grammar School in Dorchester be named the Pierce School, in honor of Hon. Henry L. Pierce, a former Mayor of Boston.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and Ninth Division; principal of Pierce School.

Mr. Porter, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Ninth Division, reported the following nomination of a candidate for the position of principal of the Pierce School, — H. Winslow Warren, sub-master, to date from Nov. 9, 1887.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Pierce School. The Chair appointed Messrs. Porter, Walsh, and Murphy a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 15; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. H. Winslow Warren had 15 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Pierce School, with the rank of sub-master, to date from Nov. 9, 1887.

H. Winslow Warren elected principal of Pierce School.

Election of Instructor, Evening Drawing Schools.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing, reported the following nomination of an instructor in the Evening Drawing Schools: —

Assistant. — William L. Judkins, from Oct. 31, 1887.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes appointed.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Anna E. Lanning, substitute.

Gibson District. — Anna E. Lanning, substitute for Ella S. Wales, second assistant, granted leave of absence to Jan. 1, 1888.

Annetta F. Armes.

Martin District. — Annetta F. Armes, second assistant, until Jan. 1, 1888; Elinor F. Buckley, substitute.

Mather District. — Hattie C. Hathaway, substitute for Lucy J. Dunnels, third assistant, granted leave of absence to Jan. 1, 1888. Florence J. Bigelow, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1888; E. Isabelle Bense, substitute.

Hattie C. Hathaway, substitute.

Florence J. Bigelow.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Henry C. Jones, junior-master in the Boys' Latin School, be placed upon the fifth year of service in his grade, to date from Sept. 7, 1887.

Salary of Henry C. Jones.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Thomas A. Mullen, junior-master in the Boys' Latin School, be placed upon the third year of service in his grade, to date from Sept. 9, 1887.

Salary of Thomas A. Mullen.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Grainger, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the First Division be authorized to close the Lyman Grammar School for such time as they think necessary, owing to repairs on the public sewer, rendering the sanitary condition of the school-house dangerous to health of pupils and teachers.

Closing of Lyman School temporarily.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-Books be requested to report as to the advisability of using, in the Schools of Cookery, Mrs. D. A. Lincoln's book for Schools of Cookery.

Book for use in Schools of Cookery.

Mr. Gallagher offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows: —

Nomination of teachers of evening schools;

amendment of Rules and Regulations.

Section 85. Insert after the words "all special instructors," the words "in day schools."

Sect. 339. Strike out the words "assistants of the evening schools shall be nominated on probation; the time of probation to be one term of the school, and the conditions of confirmation to be the same as for day-school teachers," and insert in place thereof the words "and assistants by confirmation."

Rules suspended.

The rules were suspended, and the order passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Eliot, for the Committee on Horace Mann School, it was

Additional copies of report of Committee on Horace Mann School.

Ordered, That four hundred additional copies of the report of the Committee on Horace Mann School (Doc. 16, 1887) be printed.

Report of Committee on Sewing; petition of Eliza M. Cleary. [See page 152.]

Mr. Walsh, for the Committee on Sewing, to whom was referred — October 25 — the petition of Eliza M. Cleary, sewing-teacher, asking that certain classes of sewing in the Shurtleff School be reassigned to her, reported as follows: —

For many years the chairmanship of the Committee on Sewing was filled by a lady, to whom, naturally, all matters relating to this branch of instruction were left. There being no lady on the committee to act for the present committee, they proceeded to inform themselves relative to their duties. In the course of their consideration of the subject the committee ascertained that instruction in sewing shall be given twice a week, one hour at a time, to the fourth, fifth, and sixth classes of girls in the Grammar Schools, and that such instruction might be extended into other classes by the Board on the joint recommendation of the Committee on Sewing and the Division Committee in charge. The committee learned that sewing had been extended into the three upper classes of the Shurtleff School by the Board, thus making fourteen sewing divisions in that school. As it seemed to the committee that it was impossible for the time required by the Regulations — two hours a week to each division — to be given to the fourteen divisions in this school by one teacher, and as the precedent of employing more than one sewing-teacher in

a school had been long ago established in the Winthrop School, with such exceptional success as to lead the committee to presume that such a course was not only desirable, but necessary, your committee placed three of the sewing divisions of the Shurtleff School in charge of another teacher, leaving eleven divisions in the charge of Mrs. Cleary. There are twenty-five school-hours in the week; the opening exercises and the recesses take up three hours of this time, leaving twenty-two hours, which would enable Mrs. Cleary to devote to each of the eleven divisions in her charge the two hours a week, as required by the Regulations. The salary of Mrs. Cleary has been reduced but twelve dollars a year. The committee did what they thought best for the school and best for Mrs. Cleary, and they recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Hygiene; reports on sanitary condition of schools [See page 11.]

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Hygiene, to whom was referred — Jan. 13 — the suggestion of the Board of Supervisors, contained in their annual report for 1886, that they be relieved of the duty of inspecting the sanitary condition of schools, which duty is now performed by the Instructor in Hygiene, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That Section 139 of the Regulations be amended by striking out paragraph 1, and numbering the succeeding paragraphs to conform to this change.

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Report of Committee on Hygiene; fumigation of school-houses. [See page 23.]

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 8 — the communication from the Board of Health relative to the fumigation of school-houses, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested, in making up the estimates for next year, to consider the expediency of including in the estimates of expenses for the next school-year an amount of money to be devoted to the fumigation of school-houses.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Death of Nellie F. Pingree.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Eighth Division,

reported the death of Nellie F. Pingree, late third assistant in the Hillside District.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Canning, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Payment of salary due Nellie F. Pingree.

Ordered, That the salary due Nellie F. Pingree, deceased, late third assistant in the Hillside School, be paid to her mother, Sarah C. Pingree.

Report of Committee on School-houses; changes in boundary lines of school districts.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, reported that they have considered the changes in the boundary lines of school districts submitted to them by the several Division Committees, and recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the boundary lines of school districts be amended as follows: —

Dearborn District. — Substitute the following for the present boundary lines: —

"Beginning at the junction of Winthrop and Warren streets, thence by the centres of Warren street, Harrison avenue, Northampton, Hampden, and Dudley streets, Blue Hill avenue, and Winthrop street to the point of beginning."

Dillaway District. — Strike out all after the word "Washington" in the seventh line, and insert in place thereof the following words: "thence by the rear of the southerly side of Dale to Regent street; thence by the centres of Regent and Circuit streets, Walnut avenue, Warren, Whiting, Moreland, Fairland, and Winthrop streets, Harrison avenue, Eustis and Washington streets to the point of beginning."

Dorchester-Everett District. — Amended so as to read: "Beginning at the junction of Norfolk avenue and West Cottage street; thence by an air-line to the stone post on the former boundary line between South Boston and Dorchester, South Bay; thence by said boundary line to Old Harbor," etc. Strike out in the last two lines the words "and thence by the south side of Quincy street to the point of beginning," and insert in place thereof the following words: "thence by the rear of the southerly side of Quincy street to the N.Y. & N.E. R.R.; thence by said railroad to West Cottage street; thence by the centre of West Cottage street to the point of beginning."

Dudley District. — Strike out all after the word "Washington" in the seventh line, and insert in place thereof the following words: "thence by the rear of the southerly side of Dale to Regent street; thence by the centres of Regent and Circuit streets, Walnut avenue, Warren, Whiting, Moreland, Fairland, and Winthrop streets, Harrison avenue, Eustis and Washington streets to the point of beginning."

Dwight District. — Strike out all after the words "Harrison avenue," in the eleventh line, and insert in place thereof the following words: "thence by the centres of Harrison avenue and Northampton street to the former boundary line between Boston and Roxbury; thence by said boundary line to the South Bay; thence by the water to the point of beginning."

Everett District. — Strike out all after the words "Harrison avenue," in the tenth line, and insert in place thereof the following words: "thence by the centres of Harrison avenue and Northampton street to the former boundary line between Boston and Roxbury; thence by said boundary line to the South Bay; thence by the water to the point of beginning."

George Putnam District. — Amend so as to read: "Beginning at the junction of Washington and Townsend streets; thence by the centre of Townsend street to Humboldt avenue; thence by the rear of the easterly side of Humboldt avenue to Seaver street; thence by the centres of Seaver street." etc.

Gibson District. — Strike out all after the words "Shawmut railroad," in the seventh line, and insert in place thereof the following words: "thence by said railroad to Melville avenue; thence by the centres of Melville avenue, Washington street, Wheatland avenue extended, Bernard street, Talbot, Blue Hill, and Central avenues to the former boundary line between Boston and Dorchester; thence by said boundary line to the point of beginning."

Harris District. — Strike out the words "thence by the Shawmut railroad to Ashmont street," in the seventh and eighth lines, and insert in place thereof the following words: "thence by said railroad to Melville avenue; thence by the centre of Melville avenue to a point opposite Hooper street; thence by an air-line to the junction of Centre and Carlisle streets; thence by the centres of Carlisle street, Welles avenue, and Argyle street to Ashmont street."

Hugh O'Brien District. — Boundary lines to read as follows: "Beginning at the junction of Winthrop street and Blue Hill avenue; thence by the centres of Blue Hill avenue, Hampden and Northampton streets, to the former boundary line between Boston and Roxbury; thence by said boundary line to the South Bay; thence by the

water to the stone post on the former boundary line between South Boston and Dorchester, South Bay; thence by an air-line to the junction of Norfolk avenue and West Cottage street: thence by the centre of West Cottage street to the N.Y. & N.E. R.R.; thence by said railroad to Howard street; thence by the centre of Howard to Hartford street; thence by the rear of the easterly side of Hartford to Cunningham street (proposed); thence by the rear of the northerly side of Cunningham street (proposed) to Howard avenue; thence by the centres of Howard avenue, Brookford street, and Blue Hill avenue to the point of beginning."

Hyde District. — Strike out the following words in the eighth, ninth, and tenth lines: "to the former boundary line between Boston and Roxbury: thence by the rear of the easterly side of Harrison avenue."

Lewis District. — Substitute the following for the present boundary lines: "Beginning at the junction of Washington and Dale streets; thence by the rear of the southerly side of Dale to Regent street; thence by the centres of Regent and Circuit streets, Walnut avenue, Warren, Whiting, Moreland, Fairland, and Winthrop streets, Blue Hill avenue, Brookford street, and Howard avenue to Cunningham street (proposed); thence by the rear of the northerly side of Cunningham street (proposed) to Hartford street; thence by the rear of the easterly side of Hartford to Howard street; thence by the centre of Howard street to the N.Y. & N.E. R.R.; thence by said railroad to Quincy street; thence by the rear of the southerly side of Quincy street to the old boundary line between Dorchester and Boston; thence by said boundary line to Central avenue; thence by the centres of Central and Blue Hill avenues and Seaver street to Humboldt avenue; thence by the rear of the easterly side of Humboldt avenue to Townsend street; thence by the centres of Townsend and Washington streets to the point of beginning."

Pierce District. — Boundary lines to read as follows: "Beginning on Melville avenue at a point opposite Hooper street; thence by an air-line to the junction of Centre and Carlisle streets; thence by the centres of Carlisle street, Welles avenue, Argyle, Ashmont, Washington, and Fuller streets, Forest Hills avenue, Madison and Back streets to Blue Hill avenue; thence across Blue Hill to Talbot avenue; thence by the centres of Talbot avenue, Bernard street, Wheatland avenue extended, Washington street, and Melville avenue to the point of beginning."

Sherwin District. — Strike out the following words in the ninth and tenth lines, "to the former boundary line between Boston and Roxbury; thence by the rear of the easterly side of Harrison avenue."

Stoughton District. — Strike out all after the words "Dorchester avenue," in the third line, and insert in place thereof the following words: "thence by the centres of Ashmont, Washington, and Fuller streets, and Forest Hills avenue to Corbett street; thence in a southerly direction crossing Forest Hills avenue and River street at a point midway between the houses of A. D. Capen and Tilden Ames (now or formerly) to Neponset river; thence by the river to the point of beginning."

Tileston District. — Substitute the following for the present boundary lines: "Beginning at a point on Neponset river from which a line extended to the northward would pass through a point midway between the houses of A. D. Capen and Tilden Ames on River street; thence by said line to the junction of Corbett street and Forest Hills avenue; thence by the centres of Forest Hills avenue and Madison street to the former boundary line between West Roxbury and Boston; thence by said boundary line to the boundary line between Boston and Hyde Park; thence by the last-named line to Neponset river; thence by the river to the point of beginning."

Accepted, and the order laid on the table.

Petition of F. H. Bailey for permission to give lectures to pupils in the halls of the school-houses.

Mr. Walker presented a petition of F. H. Bailey for permission to give illustrated lectures on certain geographical subjects to pupils in such of the school-halls as it may be thought desirable.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools, with full powers to grant the petition, provided that there be no expense to the city.

On motion of Mr. Blake the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Nov. 22, 1887.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School-Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Crowley, Darling, Elliott, Hall, and Walker.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows: — Nomination of teachers of evening schools. Rules and Regulations amended. [See page 161.]

Section 85. Insert after the words "all special instructors," the words "in day schools."

Sect. 339. Strike out the words "assistants of the evening schools shall be nominated on probation; the term of probation to be one term of the school, and the conditions of confirmation to be the same as for day-school teachers," and insert in place thereof the words "and assistants by confirmation."

Passed.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Gibson District. — Mary E. Mann, fourth assistant, Nov. 9, 1887. Resignation of teachers.

Hancock District. — Sophia L. Sherman, third assistant, Dec. 1, 1887.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Martin District. — Margaret A. McGuire and Lena A. Aechtler, from Nov. 11 and Nov. 14, 1887, respectively.

Quincy District. — Mary A. Reardon, from Oct. 24, 1887.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Hancock District. — Margaret A. Nichols, fourth assistant, from Dec. 1, 1887.

Pierce District. — Mary E. Mann, second assistant, from Nov. 9, 1887.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Gibson District. — Lizzie C. Estey (on probation), Lucina Dunbar, third assistants; Emma A. Cochran, Elinor F. Decatur (on probation), fourth assistants, to the same positions, respectively, in the Pierce District, the transfers to date from Dec. 1, 1887.

Hancock District. — Sarah E. Ward, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from Dec. 1, 1887.

Accepted.

ASSISTANTS OF EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of instructors in evening schools.

Bigelow School. — Ida F. Condon, from Oct. 17, 1887; Bertha Peirce, from Nov. 1, 1887.

Phillips School. — John E. Butler, from Oct. 24, 1887.

Sherwin School. — Emil Sage, from Oct. 26, 1887.

Wells School. — Mary A. Higgins, from Oct. 13, 1887.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Text-

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, reported that the present plan for the assignment and distribution

of supplementary reading continues to be successfully carried out. On the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors your committee suggest that the books required for admission to Harvard College, which are now authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Latin Schools, be authorized for use in the High Schools also. The committee further suggest the addition of several titles to the present list of authorized supplementary reading books. It will be remembered that adding titles to the list does not increase the annual expense for supplementary reading, as a stated sum is assigned for such purposes each year; the increased list simply affords a greater range of books from which to make careful selections. Books; supplementary reading.

Your committee recommend the passage of the following orders: —

Ordered, That the following-named books be added to the list of authorized supplementary reading books:

Latin and *High Schools.* — Books required for admission to Harvard College: Goethe's Prose; Schiller's Prose; Boisen's German Prose; Bernhardt's Novellen Bibliothek; Scott's Marmion (Rolfe's Student Series); Scott's Lay of the Last Minstrel (Rolfe's Student Series); Tennyson's Selected Poems (Rolfe's Student Series); Byron's Prisoner of Chillon; Goldsmith's Deserted Village; Goldsmith's Traveller; Coleridge's Ancient Mariner; Wordsworth's Excursion; Tennyson's Elaine; Tennyson's In Memoriam.

Circulating supplementary reading: —

Grammar Schools. — The making of New England.

Primary Schools. — McGuffey's Alternate First Reader; New Normal Second Reader.

Ordered, That the lists of books authorized for supplementary reading in the public schools last year, with

such additions to the lists as have since been made by the Board, be authorized for use for supplementary reading in the public schools for the present year; the plan of assignment and distribution to be the same as for last year.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

Report of Committee on Text-Books; text-book of Cookery. [See page 161.]

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, who were requested to report as to the advisability of using, in the Schools of Cookery, Mrs. D. A. Lincoln's book for Schools of Cookery, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Boston School Kitchen Text-Book, by Mrs. D. A. Lincoln, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Schools of Cookery.

Accepted, and the order laid over under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, it was

List of authorized text-books, etc., to be printed.

Ordered, That the list of authorized text and reference books and supplementary reading books be printed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Use of rooms in Latin School building granted to Roxbury High School Association.

Ordered, That the use of the drill-hall, and other necessary rooms of the Latin School building, be granted to the Roxbury High School Association on the evening of Jan. 27, 1888, for the purpose of their annual reunion.

Report of the Committee on High Schools; petition of Gen. F. W. Lister relative to instruction in military drill and calisthenics.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, to whom was referred from the files of last year the petition of Gen. F. W. Lister, relative to instruction in military drill and calisthenics, reported that the present instruction in these branches in the High Schools is satisfactorily performed, and no change is deemed expedient at the present time.

Accepted.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Hygiene, to whom was referred — Oct. 25 — an order concerning the hours of the morning session of the Gibson School, reported recommending that there be but one daily session in all the public schools during the winter months. The following order was appended to the report: —

Report of Committee on Hygiene; morning session of Gibson School; one session in all the schools during the winter months. [See page 152.]

Ordered, That from and including the first Monday in December, to and including the last Friday in February, there be held on all school days but one session in the public schools; said session to continue from nine to two o'clock in the Grammar Schools, and from nine to one o'clock in the Primary Schools.

Accepted, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the order was specially assigned for consideration at the next meeting of the Board, at eight o'clock.

Special assignment.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish additional Primary-School accommodations in the Lowell District.

Additional Primary-School accommodations in the Lowell District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to improve the sanitary condition of the Monroe-street Primary School-house, in the Lewis District.

Improvements in sanitary condition of Monroe street Primary School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, it was

Ordered, That Mrs. Mary Hemenway have permission to use a room in the Rutland-street Primary School-house for her School Kitchen.

Use of room in Rutland-street School-house granted to Mrs. Hemenway for a school kitchen.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Primary School named in honor of Lucretia Crocker.

Ordered, That the Primary School-house on Parker street, Roxbury, be called the Lucretia Crocker School, in honor of the late Miss Lucretia Crocker, for many years a Supervisor of the public schools of this city.

Publication of school manual; amendment to Regulations proposed.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 99 of the Regulations be amended by substituting the word "February" for the word "May," in the third line.

Passed to a second reading.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Election of special teachers of penmanship, Evening High School.

Ordered, That Leon M. Wallace be appointed special teacher of penmanship in the Evening High School, at a salary of two dollars per evening; the term of service to begin Oct. 10, 1887.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

New Grammar School-house for the Pierce District.

Ordered, that the City Council be requested to provide a new Grammar School-house for the Pierce District.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Grainger, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Kate V. Tiernay, substitute.

Ordered, That Kate V. Tiernay be approved as a substitute for Mary C. Hall, fourth assistant in the Chapman District, granted leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1888.

Report of Committee on School-houses; changes in boundary lines of school districts.
[See pp. 164, 165, 166.]

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the order appended to the report of the Committee on School-houses, relative to changes in the boundary lines of school districts, was taken from the table.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 13, 1887.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members, except Messrs. Crowley, Elliott, Grainger, Hall, Lasker, and Roeth.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Ordered, That Section 99 of the Regulations be amended by substituting the word "February" for the word "May," in the third line.

Publication of school manual. Regulations amended. [See page 174.]

Passed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Ordered, That the Boston School Kitchen Text-Book, by Mrs. D. A. Lincoln, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Schools of Cookery.

Text-book of cookery. [See page 172.]

Passed.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Bigelow District. — Mary F. Savage, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1887.

Resignation of teachers.

Gaston District. — Florence Cahill, fourth assistant, Dec. 1, 1887.

Harris District. — Emma F. Simmons, second assistant, Jan. 2, 1888.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

English High School. — Harry C. Shaw, junior-master, from Dec. 13, 1887.

West Roxbury High School. — Clarabel Gilman, assistant, from Dec. 12, 1887.

Comins District. — Ervinia Thompson, third assistant, from Dec. 7, 1887.

Dor.-Everett District. — Lucy G. Flusk, fourth assistant, from Jan. 2, 1888.

Gaston District. — Isabella J. Murray, fourth assistant, from Nov. 30, 1887.

Mt. Vernon District. — Inez Drake and Emma L. McDonald, fourth assistants, from Dec. 7, 1887.

Sherwin District. — Mary B. Chaloner, third assistant, and Rose E. Conaty, fourth assistant, from Nov. 28, 1887.

Stoughton District. — Clara A. Brown, third assistant, from Dec. 7, 1887.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Bigelow District. — Nellie S. Henry, third assistant, from Oct. 3, 1887.

Gaston District. — Margaret Cunningham, third assistant, from Oct. 10, 1887; May M. Ham, fourth assistant, from Dec. 1, 1887.

Harris District. — Emma F. Simmons, first assistant, from Jan. 2, 1888.

Lawrence District. — George S. Houghton, sub-master, from Sept. 15, 1887.

Lincoln District. — Anastasia G. Hyde, third assistant, from Nov. 21, 1887; S. Louella Sweeney, fourth assistant, from Dec. 5, 1887.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Andrew District. — Grace L. Tucker, fourth assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Dudley District. — Amanda E. Henderson, third assistant.

Dwight District. — Agnes J. Cushman, third assistant.

Harris District. — Emma F. Simmons, second assistant.

Lincoln District. — L. Idalia Provan, third assistant.

Prescott District. — Seth Sears, sub-master.

Accepted.

ASSISTANTS OF EVENING SCHOOLS.

Franklin School. — Katharine C. Sullivan, from Nov. 22, 1887. Election of evening-school teachers.

Phillips School. — Harriet L. Smith, from Nov. 16, 1887.

Quincy School. — Kate V. Tiernay, from Nov. 28, 1887.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS OF EVENING-SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Dearborn School. — William H. Brown, principal, to the same position in the Lyman School. Transfers of teachers.

Lyman School. — Henry B. Hall, principal, Julia F. Holland, assistant, to the same positions respectively in the Dearborn School.

Accepted.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: — Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Angeline Crosby.

Chapman District. — Angeline Crosby, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1888; Bessie L. Barnes, substitute.

E. Augusta Randall.

Hillside District. — E. Augusta Randall, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1888; Agnes A. Aubin, substitute.

Jeremiah G. Foley.

Martin District. — Jeremiah G. Foley, first assistant, until Jan. 1, 1888; James W. Webster, substitute.

Harriet D. Hinckley.

Annie C. Murdock.

Prince District. — Harriet D. Hinckley, first assistant, until Feb. 1, 1888; Clara E. Fairbanks, substitute; Annie C. Murdock, third assistant, until Feb. 1, 1888; Winella W. Stratton, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Canning, for the Committee on Sewing, it was

Leave of absence to Elizabeth A. Power.

Frances Tully appointed temporary sewing teacher.

Ordered, That leave of absence, without pay, until April 1, 1888, be granted to Mrs. Elizabeth A. Power, sewing teacher; and that Frances Tully be appointed temporary teacher of sewing, to take charge of the classes taught by Mrs. Power, during the latter's absence.

Charges against J. Gardner Bassett.

The Chair presented a communication from A. J. Church, preferring charges against J. Gardner Bassett, sub-master of the Bigelow School.

Referred to the Committee on the Sixth Division.

Petition of Raffaele Ansalone for use of room in North Margin-street school-house.

The Chair presented a petition signed by Raffaele Ansalone, for permission to use a room in the North Margin-street school-house for an evening school for instruction in the Italian language.

Referred to the Committee on the Third Division.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Eureka ventilators for Vernon-street Primary school-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to furnish Eureka ventilators for each room of the Vernon-street Primary School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to put into proper condition two poorly ventilated rooms in the Dearborn School-house that are needed for the use of the pupils.

Dearborn School-house; fitting of rooms for occupancy.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the steam-pipes in the basement of the Hugh O'Brien School-house to be covered, so as to economize the heat in the building.

Steam-pipes in O'Brien School-house to be covered.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide a retiring-room for teachers, in the Munroe-street Primary School-house.

Retiring-room for teachers; Munroe-street School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

Mr. Gallagher offered the following: —

Ordered, That the usual Christmas vacation in the public schools be extended until Tuesday, January 3, 1888.

Extension of Christmas vacation.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Drawing, offered the following: —

Ordered, That there be no sessions of the Evening Drawing School in the Latin School-Building, on the evenings of December 26, 28, and 30, 1887; and that the sessions of that school shall close on the Tuesday next preceding the fourth Monday in March, 1888.

Extension of vacation in Warren-avenue Evening Drawing School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Vacation of evening schools.

Ordered, That for the present year the vacation of the evening schools shall be for the two weeks immediately preceding January 2, 1888.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, it was

Board of Supervisors to prepare courses of study for evening schools.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to prepare courses of study for the Elementary Evening Schools and Evening High School, and to report to this Board on or before the first meeting in March, 1888.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; reports on sanitary condition of school-houses. [See page 163.]

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Nov. 8 — an order proposing an amendment to Section 139 of the Regulations, relieving the Board of Supervisors of the duty of inspecting the sanitary condition of schools, reported that as the duty mentioned is now performed by the Instructor in Hygiene, the Board of Supervisors should be relieved therefrom, and recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Section 139 of the Regulations be amended by striking out paragraph 1, and numbering the succeeding paragraphs to conform to this change.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; transfer of teachers elected with higher rank than Regulations allow. [See pp. 147, 148.]

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Oct. 25 — the order appended to the report of the Committee on Nominations relative to the nomination of teachers, proposing an amendment to Section 226 of the Regulations, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Section 226, paragraph 8, of the Regulations be amended by striking out all after the words "hereinafter provided," in the seventh and eighth lines, and inserting in place thereof the following words: "Immediately after the annual election, a list of teachers

in service with ranks higher than the number of pupils in the schools would allow by the Regulations strictly applied, if there be any such, shall be sent to the committees in charge. When vacancies occur in such ranks the committees in charge shall consider the transfer of these teachers before the vacancies are filled in any other way. A teacher declining to be so transferred may thereupon be reduced in rank, as required by the Regulations."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on School Houses; approval of plans of new Grammar School-house at South Boston.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, reported that they have examined the plans for the new Grammar School-house at South Boston. The opinion of the Superintendent of schools approving said plans has been received by the committee. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be authorized to approve the plans for the new Grammar School-house at South Boston.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Death of Adeline S. Tufts.

Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, reported the death of Adeline S. Tufts, late fourth assistant in the Prince District.

Placed on file.

Nomination of E. Isabelle Bense.

Mr. Williamson, for the same committee, reported the nomination of E. Isabelle Bense, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Adeline S. Tufts.

Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Report of Committee on Examinations; revised courses of study, Grammar and Primary Schools. [See page 106.]

Mr. Walker, for the Committee on Examinations, reported that the committee was authorized and empowered to revise and alter the courses of study so as to include and conform to the recommendations of this committee contained in their report on the reduction and simplification of the study of arithmetic (School Doc. 4, 1887), and adopted by the Board, June 14, 1887.

The Board of Supervisors were requested to suggest such changes as in their opinion were desirable, and after due consideration the committee herewith submit the courses of study for the Grammar and Primary Schools, as revised and altered by this committee, under the instructions of the Board, and recommend that they be adopted.

Accepted, and the revised courses of study presented by the committee were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Walker, for the same committee, it was —

Courses of study for Grammar and Primary Schools to be printed.

Ordered, That two thousand copies of the Courses of Study for the Grammar and Primary Schools be printed.

Mr. Walker, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Certificate of qualification of second grade to Rebecca L. Duncan.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be authorized and instructed to issue the certificate of qualification of the second grade, voted by that Board in June, 1876, to Rebecca L. Duncan.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Examinations; establishment of public kindergartens. [See pp. 81, 82.]

Mr. Eliot, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — May 10 — the communication of Mrs. Pauline A. Shaw, relative to the establishment of public kindergartens, submitted a report.

Accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Eliot, the order appended to the report was specially assigned for consideration at the next meeting of the Board, at eight o'clock.

Special assignment; report of Committee on Hygiene; one session in all the schools during winter months. [See page 173.]

On motion of Mr. Blake, the special assignment, being the order appended to the report of the Committee on Hygiene, presented at the last meeting, was taken up.

The order is as follows: —

Ordered, That from and including the first Monday

in December, to and including the last Friday in February, there be held on all school days but one session in the public schools; said session to continue from nine to two o'clock in the Grammar Schools, and from nine to one o'clock in the Primary Schools.

The Chair stated the Rules and Regulations providing for two daily sessions in the Grammar and Primary Schools must be suspended before the order could be acted upon. As the motion to suspend the rules which was contained in the report of the Committee on Hygiene (Doc. 19, 1887) had laid on the table for more than one week, he would rule that it required only a majority vote to suspend the rules.

Mr. Blake moved that the order be laid on the table.

Lost.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Mary McSkimmon.

Ordered, That Mary McSkimmon, third assistant in the Dwight District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 7, 1887.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Darling, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 16, 1887.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at 12 o'clock M., Mr. William C. Williamson, the senior member, in the chair.

Present: Messrs. Blake, Chapin, Darling, Fallon, Gallagher, Griffin, Hyde, Murphy, Walker, Walsh, and Williamson.

Mr. Williamson, President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the rules were suspended, and it was voted that the senior member occupying the chair act as President *pro tem.*

Rules suspended.

Death of Hon. Timothy J. Dacey, President of the School Committee.

The Chair, in tender words, announced the death of Hon. Timothy J. Dacey, late President of the School Committee.

Mr. Gallagher stated that the sad and sudden death of our President, and the shortness of the notice of the meeting, found the Board unprepared to take appropriate action at this time, and he moved that a committee of three be appointed to prepare suitable resolutions, and to report the same at a meeting of the Board to be held to-morrow, Saturday, at 12 o'clock M.

Committee to report resolutions.

Mr. Gallagher's motion passed, and the Chair appointed Messrs Gallagher, Fallon, and Walker a committee to prepare the resolutions.

On motion of Mr. Griffin, the Chair was added to the committee.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, the Board adjourned, to meet Saturday, Dec. 17, at 12 o'clock M.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 17, 1887.

An adjourned and special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at 12 o'clock M., Mr. William C. Williamson, the senior member, in the chair.

Present: all the members, except Messrs. Crowley, Elliott, Grainger, Hall, and Roeth.

Mr. Williamson, President *pro tem.*

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the rules were suspended, and it was voted that the senior member occupying the chair act as President *pro tem.*

Resolutions on the death of Hon. Timothy J. Dacey, President of the School Committee.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Special Committee, who were requested to prepare resolutions on the death of Hon. Timothy J. Dacey, late President of the School Board, after a few remarks in eulogy of the deceased, presented the following: —

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 17, 1887.

For the first time since the death of Mayor Thomas A. Davis, in the year 1845, the chair of the President of the School Board has been made vacant by death, and we have cause to mourn the decease of Hon. Timothy J. Dacey, who, for the past two years, has so ably presided over our deliberations. It is no disparagement to those who preceded him to say, that for parliamentary skill, for expedition in the despatch of business, for clearness and impartiality in rulings, and for dignity and grace of bearing as a presiding officer, he was unexcelled by any one who has filled the same position during the memory of the present members of this Board. But it is not of him as presiding officer alone that we come to-day to express our feelings of

grief and sorrow at the loss that we, with the schools of Boston, the entire community, and his own immediate family, have sustained; we recognize and remember the great and many virtues with which our good friend was endowed, and which had been developed by a life of active usefulness from early childhood to the present time, and had found expression in the bright, genial, generous nature of one who was to each and all of us a warm personal friend.

He represented everything that is good and progressive in the personal and political life of the young men of this age; rising to his present position, and to the various positions of public trust he has held, entirely through merit, he has lived more than respected, and more than beloved, by all with whom he came in contact. He was essentially a self-made man, and acquired his present position in social and public life, through strict attention to the highest principles of morality, honesty, and integrity, and by diligent attention and devotion to those duties which tend to make a man a good citizen. He was a generous, whole-souled, large-hearted, noble man, positive in his convictions and expressions, but, at the same time, most kind and considerate of the rights and feelings of others; while his good-nature, ready wit, his pleasant and happy disposition, won for him hosts of friends, and made him one of the most popular, as well as one of the most beloved, of the young men of our time.

While those who knew him have cause to mourn as though a friend and brother was taken from them, yet his great good character, his noble life and example, will live in their minds and hearts, soothing, in a measure only, the anguish which his death has caused.

Your committee have almost despaired in their

attempt to extend on our records any adequate expression of the feelings of our Board in this affliction; but, in memory of our presiding officer, our good and true personal friend, we recommend that this expression of our remembrance and regard be spread in full upon the records of our Board; that a copy of the same be suitably engrossed and sent to the brother of the deceased; that the desk lately occupied by Mr. Dacey be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, and that the members of this Board attend the funeral services of our late President in a body.

CHARLES T. GALLAGHER.
WILLIAM C. WILLIAMSON.
FRANCIS A. WALKER.
JOSEPH D. FALLON.

Mr. Blake seconded the resolutions, with a touching tribute to the memory of the deceased.

Appropriate remarks were made by Messrs. Lasker, Griffin, Darling, Eliot, Murphy, Swasey, and Chapin.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Mr. Fallon offered the following: —

Public schools closed on Monday, Dec. 19.

Ordered, That there be no session of the public schools on Monday, Dec. 19, and that the offices of the School Committee be closed on that day.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 22, 1887.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, Mr. Williamson, the senior member, in the chair.

Present: Messrs. Fallon, Hyde, Lasker, McDonald, Murphy, and Williamson.

A quorum not being present the Chair declared the Board adjourned. No quorum.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Dec. 27, 1887.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, Mr. Williamson, the senior member, in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Crowley, Elliott, Fallon, Griffin, Hyde, McDonald, and Roeth.

Mr. Williamson President *pro tem.*

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the rules were suspended, and it was voted that the senior member occupying the chair act as President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Lasker, the reading of the records of the three preceding meetings was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Reports on sanitary condition of school-houses; Regulations amended. [See pp. 11, 163, 180.]

Ordered, That Section 139 of the Regulations be amended by striking out paragraph 1, and numbering the succeeding paragraphs to conform to this change.

Passed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Transfer of teachers elected with higher ranks than Regulations allow; Regulations amended. [See pp. 147, 148, 180, 181.]

Ordered, That Section 226, paragraph 8, of the Regulations be amended by striking out all after the words "hereinafter provided," in the seventh and eighth lines, and inserting in place thereof the following words: "Immediately after the annual election a list of teachers in service with ranks higher than the number of pupils in the schools would allow by the Regulations strictly applied, if there be any such, shall be sent to the committees in charge. When vacancies occur in such ranks the committees in charge shall consider the transfer of these teachers before the vacancies are filled in any

other way. A teacher declining to be so transferred may thereupon be reduced in rank, as required by the Regulations."

Passed.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATION.

Resignation of a teacher.

Lewis District. — Annie W. Seaverns, fourth assistant, Dec. 31, 1887.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Norcross District. — Ida M. Condon and Grace E. Holbrook, from Dec. 7 and Dec. 9, 1887, respectively.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Girls' High School. — Florence Dix, assistant, from Dec. 19, 1887.

Dorchester High School. — Mary A. H. Fuller, assistant, from Dec. 20, 1887.

Roxbury High School. — Nellie A. Bragg, assistant, from Jan. 3, 1888.

Charles Sumner District. — Kate F. Hobart, fourth assistant, from Dec. 22, 1887.

Dearborn District. — Margaret T. Dooley, third assistant, from Dec. 19, 1887.

Eliot District. — Catherine J. Cunningham, third assistant, from Dec. 7, 1887.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Roxbury High School. — Persis P. Drake, assistant, from Dec. 22, 1887. Election of teachers on probation.

Hillside District. — Mary E. McDonald, fourth assistant, from Dec. 1, 1887.

Lowell District. — Clara I. Stevens and Fannie E. Merriam, fourth assistants, from Nov. 1, 1887.

Prince District. — E. Isabelle Bense, fourth assistant, from Dec. 15, 1887.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

English High School. — James A. Beatley, junior-master. Confirmation of teachers.

Adams District. — Nellie M. Porter, fourth assistant.

Brimmer District. — Gustavus F. Guild, sub-master; Edith L. Stratton, second assistant, Primary School.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Mary H. Reid, fourth assistant.

Mather District. — Kate A. Howe, fourth assistant.

Stoughton District. — Cornelia M. Collamore, third assistant.

Accepted.

ASSISTANT OF EVENING SCHOOL.

Comins School. — Ida F. Taylor, from Dec. 5, 1887. Election of teacher of evening school.

Accepted.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following- Leave of absence to teach-

ers; substitutes approved.

named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Jessie Girdwood.

Girls' Latin School. — Jessie Girdwood, assistant, until Feb. 1, 1888; Minna B. Noyes, substitute.

Bowdoin District. — Ella E. Morrill, fourth assistant, until Feb. 1, 1888.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Room in Bailey-street School-house to be fitted for use.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to fit up one room in the Bailey-street School-house, for use by Grammar School pupils.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Confirmation of Florence E. Leadbetter.

Mr. Eliot, for the Committee on Horace Mann School, reported recommending the confirmation of Florence E. Leadbetter, assistant in that school.

Accepted.

Mr. Canning, for the Committee on Sewing, offered the following: —

Leave of absence to Elizabeth A. Power; compensation of temporary teacher of sewing. [See page 178.]

Ordered, That the leave of absence, without pay, granted by the Board to Mrs. Elizabeth A. Power, sewing-teacher, date from Jan. 1, 1888; and that the compensation of Frances Tully, elected temporary sewing-teacher to take charge of the classes taught by Mrs. Power, during the latter's absence, be at the rate of twenty-three dollars per month.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Annual report of Committee on Manual Training Schools.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, presented the annual report of that committee, which was accepted and ordered to be printed.

Special assignment; report of Committee on Examinations; establishment of public kindergartens. [See pp. 81, 82, 182.]

On motion of Mr. Eliot, the special assignment, being the order appended to the report of the Committee on Examinations on the subject of establishing kindergartens in connection with the public schools, was taken up.

The order is as follows: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts of the year 1888 be requested to include, in the estimates for 1888–9, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, for the support of public kindergartens during the year.

Passed.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: — Appropriations and expenditures.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., Dec. 27, 1887.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred to date, being nine months' payments of the present financial year: —

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1887–88.	January Draft.	Expenditures, 9 months, 1887–88.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,242,088 00	$109,016 82	$916,597 05	$325,490 95
Salaries, Officers . . .	57,760 00	4,848 34	43,063 00	14,697 00
School Ex. Salaries, Janitors .	240,000 00	8,391 90	74,185 76	55,371 39
School Ex. Fuel, Gas, Water .		797 79	54,386 00	
School Ex. Books, Supplies, Manual Training, and other Expenses		1,976 21	56,056 85	
	$1,539,848 00	$125,031 06	$1,144,288 66	$395,559 34

As compared with the corresponding time last year,

Salaries of Instructors increased	$18,184 70
Salaries of Officers increased	921 83
Salaries of Janitors increased	7,655 13
Fuel, Gas, and Water increased	10,505 37
Books, Supplies, and Miscellaneous Expenses increased	1,264 13
Total increase for nine months	$38,531 16

For the Committee on Accounts,

WM. C. WILLIAMSON,

Chairman.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

Committee on Legislative Matters to report if any legislation is necessary on establishing public kindergartens.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters consider and report to this Board what legislation, if any, is needed in relation to establishing the Kindergarten system.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, it was

Unfinished business referred.

Ordered, That all unfinished business at the close of this meeting be referred to the next School Board.

Mr. Gallagher offered the following: —

Vote of thanks to Mr. William C. Williamson, President *pro tem.*

Ordered, That the thanks of this Board be presented to Mr. William C. Williamson, for the able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Board, as President *pro tem.*

Passed unanimously by a rising vote.

Mr. Williamson responded in a brief and courteous address.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned *sine die.*

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

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